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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003

The Senate met at 2:03 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN CORNYN, a Senator from the State of Texas.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Charles V. Antonicelli, of St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Capitol Hill.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Lord God, we acknowledge You as the source of all blessing and goodness. We thank You and we praise Your name. We see Your wonder and Your power in the beauty of our created world. Help all in our country who have been affected by the devastating weather we have experienced.

We pray in a special way this day, Lord, for former Senator Russell Long, whom You have called back to Yourself. Grant him eternal rest and comfort his grieving family and friends.

Bless the Members of this Senate and their staffs. Grant them Your gifts of wisdom and courage, so that they may be good and faithful stewards of the resources You have placed in their care for the good of all whom they serve.

We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN CORNYN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2003.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN CORNYN, a Senator from the State of Texas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CORNYN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Wyoming is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, momentarily the Senate will begin consideration of the jobs and economic growth reconciliation bill. Under the previous order, there will be up to 2 hours for debate on the bill today with no amendments in order. There will be no rollcall votes during today's session.

On Tuesday, the Senate will begin the amendment process with respect to the jobs and economic growth reconciliation bill. There will be busy sessions throughout the week as the Senate considers and completes the jobs and economic growth bill.

Later in the week, the Senate will also consider the bipartisan global HIV/AIDS bill and the debt limit extension legislation. In order for the Senate to complete action on these measures, late nights and rollcall votes should be expected throughout the week. On behalf of the majority leader, I advise my colleagues to make the necessary scheduling arrangements.

I also alert my colleagues that there may be a possible weekend session, since these are must-pass items and there are only a few remaining days before the Memorial Day recess. The majority leader will make further announcements regarding the schedule as we make progress on the items that I have just mentioned.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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