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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 2 p.m.

House

OMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

A letter from the Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting a copy of the "Federal Aviation Administration and National Air Traffic Controllers Association Collective Bargaining Proposal Submission to Congress," pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Sections 106(l) and 40122(a); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Government Reform. Received April 6, 2006.

Senate

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2006

The Senate met at 8:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DAVID VITTER, a Senator from the State of Louisiana.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit, the fountain of light and truth, we rise and stand because of Your mercies. You make our plans succeed.

Today, shine the light of Your presence upon our Senators. As they wrestle with complexity, show them the way. Give them the wisdom You have promised to all who will simply request it. Remind them of Your mission to bring deliverance to captives and liberty to the bruised. May they focus on pleasing You and not on political consequences. Give them contrite and humble spirits. Teach them new and creative ways to cooperate with each

other for the common good. Bless their families and the members of their staffs.

Lord, guide each of us in these challenging days. Make our ignorance wise with Your wisdom. Make our weakness strong with Your strength.

We pray in Your holy Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DAVID VITTER led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic 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, April 7, 2006.

To the Senate:

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

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

Mr. VITTER thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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