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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 22, 2007, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the Author and Finisher of our faith, teach us to rejoice in the privileges You have strewn on our path and to use our opportunities for service. Help us to use the gift of Sacred Scripture as a lamp to guide us through the darkness of challenging times. May we use the gift of intercessory prayer as a key to unlock Your storehouse in order to equip Your people for service. In hours of hardship, permit us to use the gift of Your Spirit to preserve us from self-pity and to endow us with peace in the midst of life's storms.

Infuse our Senators with Your love. Give them a compassion that will prompt them to labor for the eradication of injustice. Remind them to remember the poor, the oppressed, and the burdened. Lead them as they seek to hasten the coming of Your kingdom of justice and truth.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SHERROD BROWN 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. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 19, 2007.

To the Senate:

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

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2198 AND S. 2205

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I believe there are two bills at the desk and they are due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bills en bloc.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2198) to require the Architect of the Capitol to permit the acknowledgment of God on Flag certificates.

A bill (S. 2205) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object to further proceeding with respect to both of these bills.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The bills will be placed on the calendar.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today, following any remarks that I or Senator MCCONNELL make, the Senate will immediately go to the Labor-HHS appropriations bill. Last night, an agreement was made to provide for the filing of all first-degree amendments by 1 p.m. today. Additionally, there is a commitment to complete action on this bill by noon on Tuesday—by 12:30, I should say, on Tuesday.

There will be no rollcall votes today, but I do expect a number of Members to offer amendments during today's session. It is my understanding this morning Senator COBURN and Senator BROWN will offer amendments. Votes will occur Monday evening at around 5:30 p.m., and there could be a long series of votes Monday night. I will have more to say about the schedule later today.

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