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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at 12:30 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, reawaken our conscience. Bend the ear of our spirit to Your voice that we may perceive Your will in these challenging times.

Remove from our lawmakers the false worldly wisdom that engenders division, and keep them vigilant in doing Your work on Earth. As they strive to make wise choices regarding nuanced issues, may they hear Your gentle voice whispering that they belong to You. Remind them that You will be with them. May all that they do and are today be an expression of Your truth, righteousness, and justice.

We pray in the Redeemer's Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JIM WEBB 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, April 28, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule 1, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

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

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we are going to be in a period of morning business until 4:30 today, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees. Senator DORGAN is controlling 30 minutes of the majority's time. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 2881, the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization. At 5:30 today there will be a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to that bill.

As a reminder to all Senators, Wednesday, at 11 a.m., there will be a joint meeting of Congress in the Hall of

the House of Representatives, with the Prime Minister of Ireland, Bertie Ahern, presenting his statement to the country.

### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 5613 AND S. 2920

Mr. REID. I understand there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5613) to extend certain moratoria and impose additional moratoria on certain Medicaid regulations through April 1, 2009.

A bill (S. 2920) to reauthorize and improve the financing and entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object to any further proceedings with respect to these bills, en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard. The bills will be placed on the calendar.

### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST—H.R. 493

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to request the House of Representatives to return to the Senate the bill, H.R. 493.

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

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



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