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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2007

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

O God of our lives, we confess that we have often been too distracted by busyness to hear Your words of truth. Keep us from being pressed by the insignificant. Instead, help us to take time to listen to the whisper of Your spirit. As the tender tug of time reminds us of our beginning and our end, teach us to embrace Your truth which transcends life and death.

On this first day returning from recess, give our Senators strength for all they will encounter today. May they feel Your power keeping them from stumbling and slipping. Remind them that You are the final judge of their leadership and the only one they ultimately need to please. Use them for Your glory.

We pray in Your precious Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 9, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE 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, today, following any time utilized by the two leaders, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 3 o'clock, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two sides. At 3 p.m. today, the Senate will proceed to H.R. 1585, the Defense Department authorization bill. We all know how important this legislation is. The Senate will carefully and thoughtfully and thoroughly debate issues associated with our military servicemen at home and abroad. Senator BILL NELSON will be here to manage the bill for Chairman LEVIN, who will be in a hearing until later this afternoon. As I indicated prior to the recess, this period will be a very busy legislative period.

Members should be prepared for votes occurring whenever the Senate is in session unless I make an announcement to the contrary.

SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL AUTHORIZATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 263 submitted earlier today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 263) to authorize testimony and legal representation in the State of Iowa v. Chester Guinn, Brian David Terrell, Dixie Jenness Webb, Kathleen McQuillen, and Elton Lloyd Davis.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a request for testimony and representation in criminal trespass actions in Iowa District Court for Polk County in Des Moines, IA. In this action, antiwar protestors have been charged with criminally trespassing in the Federal building housing Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY's Des Moines office on February 26, 2007, for refusing repeated requests to leave the premises. Trials

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