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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 1995, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, MAY 8, 1995

(Legislative day of Monday, May 1, 1995)

The Senate met at 11 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable CRAIG THOMAS, a Senator from the State of Wyoming.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our refuge, and our strength, we join our hearts and voices with people across our Nation and throughout the world in grateful praise to You. Today, as we remember that triumphant Victory in Europe Day a half a century ago, we thank You for being an ever-present help in trouble. Thank You for the gift of memory, not only to remember the depths of degradation and depravity to which humankind fell under the dictatorship of Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich, but most of all, help us never to forget Your divine intervention that made possible the Allied victory. We remember the supreme sacrifice of so many men and women in that war to liberate humankind from the grip of a brutal enemy.

Lord of history, we go about the work of this Senate today with a renewed assurance that You do have the final word. When the enemies of righteousness and justice have done their worst, You help Your people to fight for freedom and You do bring an end to suffering. You have intervened to help us in just wars against the despots and dictators of history. As we remember the victory of 50 years ago that broke

the back of Nazi tyranny, so too You call us to live expectantly with our hope in Your power as we confront the forces of hate and terrorism, injustice and inequality in our time. In Your name Jehovah-Shalom, Prince of Peace. Amen.

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. THURMOND].

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 8, 1995.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CRAIG THOMAS, a Senator from the State of Wyoming, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

THE CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, first let me thank the Chaplain for his prayer today. This is a very important day for millions of Americans. It seems to me that it is time for reflection, to think about America, and to think about 55-plus million people who lost their lives in World War II. That includes civilians, innocent women and children, combatants on all sides, plus about 6 million Jews who suffered death in the Holocaust.

This is a very important day. And later today I hope to submit a resolution about V-E Day, which I am certain the Senate will adopt. I will be looking for sponsors on both sides of the aisle.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, following leader time, there will be morning business until the hour of 12 noon with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

At 12 o'clock we will resume consideration of H.R. 956, the product liability bill.

At 4 o'clock there will be a cloture vote on the pending substitute unless second-degree amendments are offered and can be voted upon. That may slip just a little bit. I understand there are one or two Senators who cannot be here right at 4 o'clock. The first three amendments should be filed by 1 o'clock today. Second-degree amendments should be filed by 3 o'clock today.

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