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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 1995, at 12 noon.

Senate

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1995

(Legislative day of Monday, September 25, 1995)

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

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

Our Father, You have created us to glorify You and enjoy You forever. When we trust You, You turn our struggles into stepping stones. We know Your promise is true: You will never leave us or forsake us. You give us strength when we are weak, gracious correction when we fail, and undeserved grace when we need it most. You lift us up when we fall and give us new chances when we need hope. And just when we think there is no place to turn You meet us and help us return to You. We say with the psalmist, "Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all of His benefits."—Psalm 103:1-2.

Lord, we want our work this day to be an expression of our grateful worship. You have called us to lead this Nation. Fill us with Your spirit. Infinite wisdom, we need Your perspective, plan, and purpose. We must make crucial evaluations and decisive decisions. The future of this Nation is dependent on Your guidance. Thank You for making us wise. In the name of our blessed Lord. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, this morning the leader time has been reserved.

The Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2099, the VA-HUD appropriations bill. Under a previous consent agreement, at 11 o'clock today the Senate will resume debate on the Bumpers space station amendment with a vote to occur on or in relation to that amendment at approximately 2:15 p.m. today.

As a reminder to all Senators, the Senate will recess from the hours of 12:30 to 2:15 today for the weekly policy conference meetings.

Thank you, Mr. President.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of H.R. 2099, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2099) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Bumpers amendment No. 2776 (to committee amendment on page 158, lines 13-14), to reduce the appropriation for the implementation of the space station program for the purpose of terminating the program.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMAS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Ms. MIKULSKI. I ask unanimous consent that I may speak as if in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

DEATH OF BESSIE DELANY

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I note that my colleague, who is managing the VA-HUD bill, which is before the

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