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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 1996, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1996

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

### PRAYER

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

Almighty God, Sovereign of this Nation, and Lord of our lives, we thank You for outward symbols of inner meaning that remind us of Your blessings. The sight of our flag stirs our patriotism and dedication. It reminds us of Your providential care through the years of our blessed history as a people, but it also reminds us of our role in the unfinished and unfolding drama of the American dream. But it also gives us a reminder of the privilege we share of living in this land.

Today, on Flag Day, we repledge our allegiance to the flag and recommit ourselves to the awesome responsibilities You have entrusted to us. May the flag that waves above this Capitol remind us that this is Your land and we are accountable to You.

Our flag also gives us the bracing affirmation of the unique role of this Senate in our democracy. We praise You for the men and women You have called to serve at this strategic time in history. May they experience fresh strength and vision. Renew the drumbeat of Your spirit calling them to march to the cadences of Your righteousness. We ask for Your blessing on President Clinton and Vice President GORE. God bless America. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT, is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President. Today, there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each. Several Senators have requested additional time to speak, and they are as follows: Senator COVERDELL, or his designee, 90 minutes; Senator BINGAMAN for 15 minutes; Senator MURKOWSKI for 15 minutes; Senator KEMPTHORNE for 10 minutes; Senator DASCHLE, or his designee, for 20 minutes.

At 12 noon today, the Senate will resume executive session and debate the nomination of Alan Greenspan to be Chairman of the Federal Reserve System. Under the consent agreement reached yesterday, the vote on the Greenspan nomination will occur on Thursday, June 20, at 2 p.m. No rollcall votes will occur during today's session, so there can be full discussion of this nomination. However, the Senate may be asked to consider any legislative matters that can be cleared for action.

As a reminder for all Senators, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 1745, the Department of Defense authorization bill.

I yield the floor, Mr. President.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each, with the exception of the following Senators: Senator COVERDELL, or his designee, for 90 minutes; Senator BINGAMAN for 15 minutes; Senator MURKOWSKI for 15 minutes; Senator KEMPTHORNE for 10 minutes; and Senator DASCHLE, or his designee, for 20 minutes.

Mr. COVERDELL addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished Senator from Georgia is recognized.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, as I understand it, the time this morning between 9:35 and 11 o'clock is assigned to me or my designee?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is correct.

### HEALTH CARE REFORM

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, this past Monday while I was on the Senate floor, I suggested that there should be a relevance between what public policyholders say in the pursuit of seeking higher office and what they do if they are fortunate enough to achieve that.

In particular, I was alluding to the promise that this administration made to middle America that it would significantly lower the tax burden on the American middle class, the vast majority of our American citizens, but, in fact, by August of the first year in office, they had totally reversed that

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