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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 1997, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1997

The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

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

Gracious Father, the Rock of Ages who gives us an unchanging source of stability and strength, You are our security in the ups and downs of life. You have placed a homing spirit in us that makes us restless to return to You in prayer. You are everything to us: Light in the darkness of our doubts, nourishment for our spiritual hungers, peace in our pressures, guidance in our confusion, hope when we feel helpless, healing of the hurts of our lives.

Lord, we are moved by Your majesty and motivated by the magnitude of the responsibilities You have entrusted to us. We often express our trust in You, but today we are stunned by the trust You express in us. It is awesome to realize the confidence You put in the women and men of this Senate and those who work with them. May their humility match Your willingness to help, their dependence equal Your dynamic power.

Lord, we return to the work of this Senate creatively carefree. You have called us, You have promised to give us wisdom, and You have assured us that You will never let us down or never leave us; that You will never give us more to do than we can do with Your power. So we commit to You all that we have and are to realize Your very best for this Nation. In the name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Chaplain, for your wonderful opening prayer. We appreciate it, as always.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENATOR THURMOND

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, since this is the first time I have seen the distinguished Senator from South Carolina since it has been official, I want to congratulate him, as all Americans do, on the record you have set. We are very proud of you. And I want to say that I enjoyed seeing you on television when we were home, too.

It is a magnificent record, and you are a magnificent human being.

We look forward to commending you further later on this week, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Thank you for your kind remarks.

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President.

WELCOME BACK

Mr. LOTT. Welcome back, all of you. I hope that you are all rested and recharged physically and in spirit because we do have a little work that we need to get done this week.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the Senate will be in session today for a period of

morning business to give Senators an opportunity to speak.

At 2:30 the Senate will resume consideration of S. 4, the Family Friendly Workplace Act. I encourage any Senator who intends to offer an amendment to this legislation to be prepared to offer the amendment during today's session. Any votes ordered on amendments offered today will be set aside with the possibility of votes occurring on those amendments after 5 p.m. today.

In addition, a cloture motion on S. 4 will be filed today. Therefore, the Senate can expect a vote on cloture on S. 4 to occur on Wednesday morning.

As a reminder to all Senators, tomorrow from 9:30 until 12:30 a.m. the Senate will honor the services of our President pro tempore, Senator THURMOND, the longest serving Member of the Senate. I encourage all Senators to participate in this important tribute on Tuesday morning.

For the remainder of the week Senators can anticipate Senate action on the concurrent budget resolution, the supplemental appropriations conference report, and possibly the adoption of legislation.

As Members are aware, this is the first week of a 4-week legislative period prior to the Fourth of July recess. The Senate has a number of important issues which need to be considered prior to that next recess. We anticipate action on the budget reconciliation bills, both on the spending side and the tax cut bill.

The DOD authorization should be ready, and the chairman of the committee has asked that we try to reserve

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