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## Senate

The Senate met at 12 noon, and was called to order by the Honorable PAT ROBERTS, a Senator from the State of Kansas.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The guest Chaplain, the Rev. Paul E. Lavin, pastor, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, DC, will deliver the opening prayer.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, the Rev. Paul E. Lavin, offered the following prayer:

Let us join with native Americans and others as they honor Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, and let us listen to the Word of the Lord from the Book of Sirach:

*To the poor man extend your hand,  
that your blessing may be complete;  
Be generous to all the living,  
and withhold not your kindness from  
the dead.*

*Avoid not those who weep,  
but mourn with those who mourn;  
Neglect not to visit the sick—  
for those things you will be loved.—  
Sirach 7:32-35.*

Let us pray.

We praise You Lord for the light of creation; we praise You for the light You give us in Your law, in the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

Lord send Your blessing on these servants of Yours, the Senate and their staffs. Help them work together in this time of need, help them be faithful to the light You have given them, and let them faithfully serve You in their neighbor.

Glory and praise to You forever and ever. 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, July 14, 1997.

To the Senate:

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

STROM THURMOND,  
President pro tempore.

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

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President. I thought since it is going to be 100 degrees outside today I should wear my all-cotton outfit so it would be a little bit more comfortable inside the Chamber.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today the Senate will begin consideration of the DOD appropriations bill. I urge all Senators who have amendments to notify the chairman and the ranking member. They are here, and they are ready to proceed with this very important legislation. So we need to know what amendments will be offered in order to make substantial progress today.

Under the previous order, at 6 o'clock this afternoon the Senate will proceed to executive session to conduct a cloture vote on the nomination of Joel Klein to be an Assistant Attorney General at the Justice Department. In accordance with the consent agreement,

if cloture is invoked, there will be an additional 3 hours for debate on the nomination before the Senate votes on the nomination of Mr. Klein. That vote may occur tomorrow; therefore, following the cloture vote at 6 p.m., the Senate will resume the Department of Defense appropriations bill.

As previously announced, it is the hope that the Senate will complete action on three or possibly four major appropriations bills this week. Therefore, late sessions can be expected and votes should be anticipated throughout each day of the Senate this week. We hope to conclude the Department of Defense appropriations bill on Tuesday. We would like to then move to the energy and water appropriations bill. I believe next we would try to go to the foreign ops appropriations bill, and then perhaps Friday we would be ready to go to legislative appropriations.

In the interim, we also have a couple of bills that we may want to call up for consideration. One of them is a wildlife refuge bill reported overwhelmingly from the House of Representatives and held at the desk; and another one is having to do with dolphin legislation which has been reported from the Commerce Committee. We may look at an opportunity to begin consideration of that legislation on Friday of this week.

I thank my colleagues for their cooperation.

I yield the floor.

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to the consideration of S. 1005, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1005) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

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