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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 1998, at 12 noon.

Senate

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1998

(Legislative day of Monday, August 31, 1998)

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:

Almighty God, gracious Father, our Refuge and our Strength, our very present Help in times of trouble, we respond to Your call to pray. You are the Instigator of prayer because You have created us to know, love, and serve You. We respond with wonder that You would use us to get Your work done this day. Forgive us when we try to accomplish what we falsely think is our work, done for our own glory. Create in us hearts fit to be filled with Your presence, open minds ready to think Your thoughts, and responsive wills desiring Your will for our Nation. Go before us to show the way. Help the Senators to live expectantly, knowing that You will provide serendipities, wonderful surprises of Your grace and goodness in pressures and problems. You are in charge, Father; this is Your Nation. We commit ourselves to enjoy the privilege of working for You today. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Arkansas is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, this morning, the Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on adoption of the conference report to accompany the military construction appropriations bill. Following that vote, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 2334, the foreign operations appropriations bill. Members are encouraged to offer and debate amendments to the foreign operations bill during today's session so that substantial progress can be made on this important legislation.

As a reminder to all Members, a consent agreement has been reached with respect to the Texas low-level waste compact conference report. That legislation, along with any other legislative or executive items cleared for action, may also be considered during today's session.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

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.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999—CONFERENCE REPORT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now consider the report of the committee of conference on the bill (H.R. 4059) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

(The conference report is printed in the House proceedings of the RECORD of July 24, 1998.)

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I am very pleased to bring before the Senate the military construction conference report for fiscal year 1999.

This conference report was adopted by the House of Representatives by a vote of 417 to 1. It was sent to the Senate and now waits our final passage.

We have worked hard with our House colleagues to bring the military construction conference to a successful conclusion. Both bodies took a different perspective on the allocation of military construction funding for the Department of Defense. In the final conference report, we met our goals of promoting quality of life initiatives and enhancing mission readiness.

This bill has some points I want to highlight. It provides a total of \$8.4 billion for military construction. Even

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