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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2001, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2001

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SAM BROWNBACK, a Senator from the State of Kansas.

### PRAYER

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

Dear God, our Creator, Sustainer, loving heavenly Father, it is awesome to us that You have chosen, called, and commissioned us to be Your blessed people. We thank You for the times we trusted You and received Your blessings of wisdom, strength, and determination. Now hear our longing to know and do Your will in the final negotiations on the budget. There is so much on which we do agree; show us how to come to creative compromise in the issues on which we do not agree.

Give us clear heads and trusting hearts. May we earn a new confidence from the American people by the way we press on expeditiously and with excellence. Now we commit ourselves anew to You. With confidence we thank You in advance for a successful day of debate on the issues before us. When votes are counted may we neither be grim over defeat nor gloat over victory but pull together as Americans who put You and our Nation's good above all else. In Your all-powerful name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SAM BROWNBACK led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### 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, April 6, 2001.

To the Senate:

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

STROM THURMOND,  
President pro tempore.

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

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from New Mexico.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, today the Senate will immediately resume

consideration of the final amendments to the budget resolution. There will be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote on any of the amendments proposed.

There are, for the information of Senators, between 30 and 40 amendments to be considered during today's session. We are working with Senators on both sides to see which amendments can be accepted, which will require rollcall votes, and perhaps which we will not be required to take action on at all.

Senators should be aware that all votes after the first vote will be limited to 10 minutes. Therefore, Members should stay in the Chamber if possible between votes. We are working to vote on final passage by 2:30 or 3 p.m.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from North Dakota.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, we have looked at the amendments overnight. We still have 42 amendments pending. Between the two sides we have 42 amendments pending. That does not count the leadership wrap-up amendments or the debate on those amendments. So realistically we would be talking about 16 hours of straight voting unless we are able to find some give in the good hearts of our colleagues. I am going to turn to my side of the aisle and urge colleagues on my side to please relent in the interest of getting the business of the Senate done on this budget resolution.

Senator REID and I have gone to our colleagues and asked them to please refrain from pushing their amendment to

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