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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002

(Legislative day of Thursday, May 9, 2002)

The Senate met at 3 p.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada.

PRAYER

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

As we come into Your presence today, dear God, we recall the familiar words of Reverend Samuel Francis Smith:

“Our Fathers’ God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom’s holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.”

Thank You, Father, for this expression of resolute trust in You and for Your faithfulness in answering this prayer. As we honor different Americans who have enriched our history, we also remember the inspired English professor, Katherine Lee Bates, whose assurance of Your providence, in 1893, led her to write:

“America! America! God shed His grace
on Thee;
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea!”

In response, we open our lives to Your grace and renew our commitment to Your good as the measure of America’s greatness. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HARRY REID led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic 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. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 13, 2002.

To the Senate:

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

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LEAHY). The deputy majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Senate will be in morning business for the

next hour. At 4 o’clock, there will be a 2-hour debate on the nomination of Paul Cassell to be United States district judge. That time will be divided between the chairman of the committee, Senator LEAHY, and the ranking member, Senator HATCH, or their designees. The vote on the nomination will occur at approximately 6 o’clock this evening.

Mr. President, following disposition of the nomination, we will resume consideration of the trade bill. We have laid down the amendment on which we worked so hard for more than a day last week. That was laid down on Friday. It is now open for amendment. We hope people will come over and offer amendments.

The leader is interested in completing work on this bill, but he wants to make sure everyone has an opportunity to offer amendments. We hope that the amendments will be offered, that we can debate them, and vote on them. The leader would rather not have to file a cloture motion. I hope that is not necessary. And I am sure the majority leader also hopes that is not necessary. We ask Senators to be ready for some long nights this week in hopes of completing this bill in the immediate future.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

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