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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, 2002, at 2 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2002

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable THOMAS R. CARPER, a Senator from the State of Delaware.

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, we claim Your promise: "I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands." So with confidence we pray the ancient Hebrew childhood prayer from the 31st Psalm: "Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit." As we pray that prayer, we get ourselves off our own hands and into Your strong, competent hands. We take each of the fears in our jumbled mass of worries and concerns and commit them to You. You have promised to keep us in perfect peace, if we allow You to keep our minds stayed on You. Interrupt us when we get too busy and remind us that we are here to serve You. When we forget You, remind us that You never forget or forsake us. May that awesome assurance steady our course and fill our sails with the wind of Your power. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable THOMAS R. CARPER 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, September 20, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS R. CARPER, a Senator from the State of Delaware, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CARPER 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 deputy majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, at 10:30 we will vote on the nomination of Reena Raggi to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. Following that vote, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until

noon. We are expecting to go out of session shortly thereafter.

This is in preparation for next week which will be a very busy week. Everyone should understand that. Next week could be a very big week. We are going to do everything we can to complete work on the homeland security bill. I have tried previously, in the form of unanimous consent, and have been unsuccessful, but we really need to move off the Interior appropriations bill. It is obvious, because of the forest feud that is in that legislation, that that bill is not going to go forward. We should not be wasting the morning standing around here doing nothing.

I hope the minority will allow us, by consent, to spend all day each day next week on the homeland security bill so we can finish that bill. The two or three big amendments on that legislation have not yet been offered. We expect that to happen early next week. Later today, we will reoffer the unanimous consent request that we temporarily set aside the Interior bill and move on to the homeland security bill on a full-time basis. That would be the thing to do.

I have said before—and I really believe this to be the case; I sadly say this—that the minority is working toward our accomplishing nothing. They simply don't want us to complete the other appropriation bills. We have asked to be able to move off Interior and to go to another appropriations bill. They won't let us do that. They said there would be no more two-tracking of legislation, which is fine. But at

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