



United States  
of America

# Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 110<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

Vol. 153

WASHINGTON, MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007

No. 88

## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007

The Senate met at 2:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the State of Virginia.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, our shelter in the time of storm, as we return to the business of freedom, use the Members of this body to accomplish Your will. Strengthen them to never abandon the struggle, and inspire them to endure to the end. Help them to press forward to the goal of Your ideal for humanity. May they never take the easy path and so leave the right road. Remind them that perspiration is usually the price of worthy things and that without the cross, there is rarely a crown. Keep and sustain our lawmakers by Your grace.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JIM WEBB 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 assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, June 4, 2007.

To the Senate:

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

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

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

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Senate will be in a period for the transaction of morning business until 3:30 p.m. today. The time is divided between the two parties. Following the period for morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1348, the immigration legislation. There will be no rollcall votes today.

I will meet with the distinguished Republican leader this afternoon and talk about when, if at all, we should file cloture on this immigration bill. We have 14 amendments pending. We need to dispose of those amendments, or most of them, before we move on to other amendments. The managers will be working this afternoon to come up with a package we can start voting on tomorrow. There are important amend-

ments on which people who favor the immigration bill and oppose the immigration bill will want to move forward. They are key amendments, and we need to get them scheduled and disposed of, and the managers need to get that done as quickly as possible.

We had a good debate on this matter the last week we were in session. Everyone has been home, and they have been barraged on all sides of this issue. There are people who think it is the best thing in the world, and there are people who think it is the worst thing in the world. We are going to continue to work on this legislation and see if we can satisfy people so they think it is good legislation and we are working out of a necessity to solve some major problems in America today as relates to legislation dealing with immigration.

I will be happy to yield to my distinguished Republican friend.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader is recognized.

### IMMIGRATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I welcome all of our colleagues back and the staff who are in the room and others.

As the majority leader indicated, we are in the middle of a big, challenging, contentious issue. There are many amendments pending. In fact, over 80

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



Printed on recycled paper.

S6971