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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008

The Senate met at 2:01 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's opening prayer will be offered by guest Chaplain CDR Buck Underwood, U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Father, we look to You as the author of truth, knowing that in You nothing is hidden. We thank You that we live under Your grace and mercy. We pray for our lawmakers and the entire Senate family, asking that You send the spirit of truth, that truth might be spoken in love, and that the works of their hands and the words of their mouths might honor You. Bless those You have raised up and placed in this body.

Thank You, Father, for blessing our Nation with abundant life, health, and resources which enable us to bless the entire world. Allow wisdom to prevail, that our Senators may be good stewards of Your blessings now and in the years ahead. Guide and equip the Members of this great institution so they may govern and live with integrity and honor.

With respect to all faiths present, I pray in the Name of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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 2, 2008.

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 Commonwealth 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.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE

AMENDMENT NO. 4820, AS MODIFIED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that amendment No. 4820 be modified with the changes at the desk, notwithstanding passage of S. 2062.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4820), as modified, is as follows:

On page 15, line 8, insert "the demonstration program under" after "guarantees under".

On page 19, strike lines 1 through 13 and insert the following:

"(c) APPLICABILITY.—The provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) regarding binding commitments for the remaining useful life of property shall not apply to a family or household member who subsequently takes ownership of a homeownership unit."

On page 22, line 9, insert "in accordance with section 202" after "infrastructure".

On page 29, strike line 18 and insert the following:

"(iv) any other legal impediment.

"(E) Subparagraphs (A) through (D) shall not apply to any claim arising from a formula current assisted stock calculation or count involving an Indian housing block grant allocation for any fiscal year through fiscal year 2008, if a civil action relating to the claim is filed by not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this subparagraph."

On page 32, strike line 18 and insert the following:

"(a) AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), to the extent and in such

On page 33, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

"(2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may guarantee, or make commitments to guarantee, under paragraph (1) the notes or obligations of not more than 4 Indian tribes or tribally designated housing entities located in each Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Native American Programs region.

On page 36, line 12, strike "shall" and insert "may".

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



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