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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, 2008, at 12.30 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2008

The Senate met at 3:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

God most high, Your faithfulness endures through all generations. You desire truth and justice, and You are true to Your promises. Hear our prayer.

Let Your presence be felt today on Capitol Hill. Open the hearts of our lawmakers to the guidance of Your spirit as you empower them to serve with faithfulness. Lord, dwell in them and those who support their labors, making them fruitful for the glory of Your Name. May they hear Your call to rise and follow where You lead as you inspire them to be obedient to Your perfect will. Give them patience with those who oppose them, and may they trust in Your perfect love which never fails.

We pray in Your glorious Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SHERROD BROWN 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, July 11, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule 1, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHERROD BROWN, a Senator from the State of Ohio, to perform the duties of Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BROWN 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 MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following any remarks Senator MCCONNELL and I may make, we will resume the motion to disagree to the House amendments with respect to H.R. 3221, the housing reform legislation. At approximately 5:20 p.m., the 30-hour postcloture debate time will run out and the Senate will proceed to a rollcall vote on the motion to disagree. Immediately fol-

lowing that vote, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 2731, the global HIV/AIDS legislation.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 3236

Mr. REID. Mr. President, S. 3236 is at the desk, and it is my understanding it is now due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3236) to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend provisions under the Medicaid programs, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, at this time, I object to any further proceedings with regard to this bill.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

REPUBLICAN DELAY TACTICS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I think it is important to let all Senators know that we worked very hard, late into the night, with significant members of the Senate staff. We worked very hard. In fact, I got home a little bit after midnight this morning, as did others.

We are going to have a couple of votes this evening. The first vote we are going to take is our housing bill, a bill that would help families struggling

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