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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011, at 10 a.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2011

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, a Senator from the State of Connecticut.

PRAYER

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

High and Holy God, we extol and adore Your Name. Lord, You shower us with love and forgiveness, and You guide our footsteps through life's challenging seasons. Today we pray that You would bless America. Quicken the hearts of its citizens that they may labor to bring honor to You. Redeem this land from coarse secular prosperity, and build it up in an ethical and moral fitness that will bless the world. Use our Senators today as Your choice instruments. May they not lose the vision of the goals of righteousness and honor, of justice and understanding, of peace and good will.

We pray in Your matchless Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable RICHARD BLUMENTHAL 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. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 27, 2011.

To the Senate:

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

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL 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, following any leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. Senator SANDERS will be recognized in morning business at 4 p.m. for up to 90 minutes. There will be no rollcall votes today. The first vote of this week will be tomorrow at noon on the confirmation of James Cole to be Deputy Attorney General. Also on Tuesday, the Senate will resume consideration of the Presidential Appointment Efficiency and Streamlining Act. We need to work out an agreement to complete action on that bill as soon as

we can. Additionally, we hope to confirm David Petraeus to be Director of the CIA this week.

We have an idea of what we need to get done this week, but it is up to Members as to when we get it done. It is not magic that we finish here Thursday night. We should be able to finish, get all the work we need done, but if we do not, we will have to have this spill over until Friday. We have to finish the Presidential Appointment Efficiency and Streamlining Act. We need to do that. We have a number of nominations we have already agreed to that we have to vote on, and we have to do David Petraeus. There is no reason we can't get all of that done, but we need cooperation of Senators.

THE BUDGET

Mr. REID. Mr. President, last Thursday, Democrats sat down with the chief executives of three successful corporations. Their companies are responsible for the jobs and livelihoods of about 100,000 workers. One company makes medications that help Americans live longer, healthier lives. Another invests in entrepreneurship, giving inventors the capital they will need to bring their ideas to the production line. Another employs scientists and engineers to make more efficient the things we use every day, from jet engines to home thermostats.

These three CEOs understand what it takes to create jobs, so we asked them what Washington can do to help. This is what they told us. All Democratic Senators were there.

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