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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at 2 p.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's opening prayer will be offered by the Reverend Gregory Knox Jones of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, DE.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Mighty God, creator of all that is, we give thanks for this great Nation, for its bounteous resources, its diversity of people, and for its principles of liberty and justice for all, not only for the privileged, not only for the powerful, but for all because each of us is one of your beloved children.

Call forth the best in these servants, that they may bring honor to themselves and instill confidence in those who have entrusted them with breathtaking responsibility. Banish from this historic hall small-mindedness and mean-spiritedness that parade as purity. Instead, bless these men and women with that rare and priceless virtue of humility.

Holy Wisdom, bolster their courage that they may always refrain from hollow rhetoric and selfish gain and instead strive for decisions that bring great promise to all people. Enable them to glimpse Your vision of a world where those who are ill are cared for by the compassionate and the hungry are filled because the well-off are generous. Embolden each Member in this Chamber with a burning desire to do the hard work of governing, that each may

become a true servant of Yours and of this Nation, so that they may become a model of inspiration to our children and grandchildren and lead us to a future of promise.

Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following my remarks and those of Senator MCCONNELL, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 815, the Employee Non-Discrimination Act postcloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. for weekly caucus meetings. If we can reach agreement, we will move forward on the bill today.

Mr. President, I am wondering whether my friend from Delaware wishes to make a speech regarding the guest Chaplain. If so, I will be happy to yield to him.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Delaware.

SENATE PRAYERS

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, my thanks to the majority leader this morning. Before I say a few words about Rev. Gregory Knox Jones, I want to go back in time for a couple of minutes. I was talking to the pages out in the hall behind the leader about how when our country was first settled folks came here from all over the world. They came here in part in pursuit of religious freedom. They were people of different faiths. They wanted to be able to worship God as they saw fit.

When it got really tough in Philadelphia at the Constitutional Convention—trying to wrestle with issues such as slavery, rights of women, whether there should be little States, big States, how we were going to be represented here—many times the Founding Fathers hit the pause button and they called in a person of faith to pray, to help them to find a way to progress, and they did again and again.

When George Washington was inaugurated—not here but in New York City—at the end of the day they did not go off and have big parties; they actually went to church. In the early days of our country, worship services were actually held here, as some of us know. We start every day here in the Senate with a prayer, oftentimes delivered by retired Navy ADM Barry C. Black, our Chaplain, and today with a special guest, my pastor, Gregory Knox Jones from Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Our leader HARRY REID has run a number of marathons. As it happens, so has our guest. He is a long-distance

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