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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Spirit of God, as the snow falls gently to the Earth, descend on our hearts. We praise You for Your tender mercies, for they are new every morning.

Infuse our Senators with confidence in the ultimate triumph of Your providence. May they continue to trust You even in the face of daunting opposition. Lord, make them so just and fair that falsehood may be banished by the truth that sets them free. Supply their needs from the reservoir of Your great bounty, so that they will come behind in no good thing. Thank You for the strength and vitality You provide us each day.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order with respect to Executive Calendar No. 659 be modified so that following leader remarks on Wednesday, March 5, the time until 11:45 a.m. be equally divided between the chairman and the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee or their designees prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, with all other provisions of the previous order remaining in effect; that if cloture is invoked, there be 4 minutes equally divided between the chairman and the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee or their designees prior to the vote on confirmation of the nomination; that following the disposition of the Adegbile nomination, the Senate proceed to vote on confirmation of the motion to invoke cloture on the Hernandez nomination; that if cloture is not invoked on the Adegbile nomination, the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Hernandez nomination; further, that the remaining cloture motions filed on Thursday, February 27, 2014, not ripen prior to 2:15 p.m., Wednesday, March 5.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORITY TO REPORT NOMINATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as if in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence have until Thursday, March 6, 2014, to report P.N. 1243, the nomination of John P. Carlin to be Assistant Attorney General for National Security.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Hearing no objection, so ordered.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2062, S. 2066, S. 2067, and H.R. 3865

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand there are four bills due for a second reading.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The leader is correct.

The clerk will read the bills by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2062) to authorize Members of Congress to bring an action for declaratory and injunctive relief in response to a written statement by the President or any other official in the executive branch directing officials of the executive branch to not enforce a provision of law.

A bill (S. 2066) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the Internal Revenue Service.

A bill (S. 2067) to prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities.

An act (H.R. 3865) to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization

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is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Mr. REID. I would object to any further proceedings with respect to these bills en bloc.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The bills will be placed on the calendar.

AUTHORITY TO PRINT RECORD

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that today's proceedings be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD dated March 4.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, because of inclement weather, we have had to change things around significantly. But this is a message to all Senators. We will do our utmost to get everything done on Wednesday and Thursday. There will be some debate tomorrow, but I am talking about the voting. If we can't, we will have to be here on Friday. I know that shouldn't be too hard since we haven't done anything in the first part of the week. So no one is surprised, we may have to be here Friday. We have work that needs to be done, and the weather has really harmed our ability to go forward.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2062. A bill to authorize Members of Congress to bring an action for declaratory and injunctive relief in response to a written statement by the President or any other official in the executive branch directing officials of the executive branch to not enforce a provision of law.

S. 2066. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the Internal Revenue Service.

S. 2067. A bill to prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities.

H.R. 3865. An act to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2014; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business for debate only, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO). Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. The next rollcall vote will be at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:06 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 2 p.m.