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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at 12 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM COTTON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

To You, O Lord, we lift our hearts, for we trust You to guide our lives. Show us the path where we should walk; point out the right road for us to follow. Lead our lawmakers by Your truth, as they put their hope in You. Lord, give them the humility to accept Your guidance so that with reverence they may arrive at Your desired destination. Hear their silent prayers, as they give their time and strength to keep America strong. Kindle in their hearts a flame of devotion to freedom's cause in our Nation and world.

Lord, on this 72nd anniversary of D-day, we thank You for the courage and self-sacrifice that paid the price for our freedom.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer 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. HATCH).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 6, 2016.

To the Senate:

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

ORRIN G. HATCH,
President pro tempore.

Mr. COTTON thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

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

DONALD TRUMP AND THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today the Senate is returning from a 10-day recess, but even though the Republicans took 10 days off, the Zika virus did not.

Last week a child was born in New Jersey with severe birth defects caused by the Zika virus. Thousands of our citizens are exposed to Zika now, today, but the problem will only get worse. Zika is a problem that is here and is not going away quickly. As the

weather continues to warm and the mosquitoes become more active, it will inevitably cause local transmission. The number of infected Americans will skyrocket.

In light of the threat posed by Zika, one would expect Republicans to spend their break working on an emergency spending bill to send to the President's desk with the full amount, \$1.9 billion. They did not. Instead, Republicans spent their recess boasting their Republican standard bearer, Donald Trump. The Republican Party's capitulation to Donald Trump is complete. As headlined last week in the Washington Post, "It's official: The GOP is now the Party of Trump."

I was especially disappointed to see that our senior Senator from Kentucky personally led this pro-Trump propaganda tour. Senator MCCONNELL spent last week as Donald Trump's head cheerleader, a trumpet. The Republican leader left Washington 10 days ago without doing his job on Zika so he could stump for Trump. In the last 10 days, it has become clear that Senator MCCONNELL will go to any length to support Donald Trump.

Consider the Republican leader's refusal to denounce Donald Trump's racist attack on U.S. District Court Judge Curiel, a man born in Indiana—in the United States. Donald Trump opined a Federal judge should be disqualified from presiding on his case because of his Mexican heritage. He went even further in saying he would feel the same way if the judge were Muslim. How did the Republican leader respond? Senator MCCONNELL repeatedly refused to say Donald Trump's attacks

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