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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SAM BROWNBACK, a Senator from the State of Kansas.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Immortal, invisible God only wise, Your love endures throughout all generations. Thank You for Your wondrous work and for Your constant care for our world.

Lord, today, bless our Senators. Let their lips disperse knowledge and their conduct produce peace. Empower them to walk with integrity and to strive to honor You. Remind them often that humility comes before honor. Grant that whatever work they do, they may labor for You. Guide them in all of their decisions and give them the power to live victoriously. Give them the perseverance to finish the tasks they start.

Lord, help each of us to not simply honor You with our lips but also with our lives. All this we ask for Your love's sake. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SAM BROWNBACK 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. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 15, 2005.

To the Senate:

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

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BROWNBACK 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. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning we will resume consideration of the Energy bill. We will be spending all of this week and, in all likelihood, all of next week on the bill. We plan on completing the bill by the end of next week. Yesterday, the chairman offered a first-degree amendment relating to ethanol. Last night, we were able to consider and table a second-degree amendment relating to safe harbor. Today, we will be considering another second-degree amendment which was offered by Senator SCHUMER. It is our expectation to have a vote in relation to that amendment very shortly this morning, hopefully within the next 30 minutes. Senators, therefore, should be on notice and their offices should notify them that we might be voting around 10 o'clock, or shortly thereafter. If we are able to table that amendment, we would like to vote on

the underlying first-degree amendment as well.

We expect to make further progress on the bill following those votes. So it will be a very busy day. We may go into the early evening tonight. I know there are a number of events planned tonight. I say that only to encourage people to come and offer their amendments and debate their amendments over the course of the day.

We will be finishing the bill by the end of next week. The Democratic leader and I have been consistent with that regard. So we want people to come to the floor and offer those amendments.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we made a lot of progress yesterday. It may not seem that way because all we did was ethanol. There were a lot of activities going on behind the scenes to move this legislation forward. Senator CANTWELL will offer her amendment this morning. I do not know how long that will take. The unfortunate death of Jim Exon, I hope, will not cause us to hold things up. I hope the two managers of the bill can have a number of amendments offered and stack those amendments, with the permission of the majority leader, and probably vote on those, we hope, in the morning sometime.

The big issues left are a renewable standard for electricity, we have a number of global warming issues, and there are other issues. If we get the Cantwell amendment decided and we do the global warming amendments and electricity standards, I think we are down the road on this important piece of legislation. We need cooperation from both sides.

It is an important piece of legislation. I know the President gave a speech yesterday wanting us to move forward. We want to move forward on it. Senators DOMENICI and BINGAMAN have done a very good job of getting us to where we are.

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