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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal God, accept our thanks and praise for Your goodness. Thank You for challenging work and for the satisfaction of a job well done.

Lord, we are grateful also for disappointments and failures that teach us to depend on You.

Continue to bless our Senators. Give them Your spirit that they may make You known in thoughts, words, and actions. Remind them to strive to glorify You in deeds both large and small. Keep them from stumbling or slipping so one day they will stand before You with great joy.

We pray in Your merciful 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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. FISCHER). The Senator from Iowa.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH

Mr. GRASSLEY. If you are going to have representative government, you

have to have dialogue between constituents and those of us elected.

Last week, I continued my annual 99 county meetings with Q&A's in 12 of our 99 counties.

No matter the setting, Iowans set the agenda at my meetings. Holding face-to-face meetings is the best way to hear what is on Iowans' minds, but it is not the only way.

I encourage Iowans to write in or call my office to voice their opinions on any Federal issue. Iowans can also read my speeches and press releases on grassley.senate.gov; follow me on Facebook or on Twitter @chuckgrassley or @senatorchuckgrassley on Instagram.

I enjoyed my conversations with Iowans last week.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

FOURTH OF JULY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I hope all of our colleagues had a pro-

ductive State work period and an enjoyable Fourth of July.

On Thursday, hundreds of millions of proud Americans joined together all across our country in town squares, parks, and backyards to cohost our Nation's 243rd birthday party. As always, the parades and fireworks and picnics commemorated something serious: our proud national legacy of liberty. It began in Philadelphia in 1776, and we continue working to make it manifest to this day.

Celebrating our freedoms also means remembering the great sacrifices that so many have given in order to protect and preserve them. It is fitting that here in our Nation's Capital, the fireworks display lights up our war memorials and the tombs of fallen warriors across the river. And, of course, we remember also all the men and women currently serving today.

We Americans have so much to be proud of. Just yesterday, we were given yet another reason. Instead of taking the weekend off, the U.S. women's national soccer team finished their time in France by winning the World Cup. Earlier last week, the U.S. women commemorated Independence Day early by beating England, and then yesterday, they defeated the Netherlands—two to nothing—to take first place. Through grit, teamwork, and dazzling talent, the American women have now raised the World Cup trophy four times.

A billion viewers around the world tuned in to watch the tournament. All told, they saw the United States outscore our opponents collectively by 26 to 3 and follow our victory in the

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