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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, May 22, 2020, at 11 a.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 10 a.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.

Heavenly Father, today, restore in our lawmakers faith in the ultimate triumph of Your plan for our Nation and world. Help them to realize that the power of Your providence will enable them to navigate every challenge and tragedy. Trusting in Your might, may they embrace Your promise to do more for them than they can ask or imagine.

Lord, in spite of difficulties, disappointments, and despair, reassure them that You are still in control. Remind us all that in everything You are working for the good of those who love You, who are called according to Your purposes.

We pray in Your loving 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. LOEFFLER). The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 1 minute in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNIZING THE DAILY IOWAN

Mr. GRASSLEY. Journalists, as we all know, serve as the watchdog for accountability, particularly to keep government responsible. These journalists inform and investigate issues important to their readers, from human interests to public interests. Right now, a lot of focus is upon the COVID-19 pandemic.

The University of Iowa's independent newspaper, the Daily Iowan, has been named the "Best All-Around Daily Student Newspaper" by the Society of Professional Journalists. This prestigious honor follows its recognition as the 2020 "Newspaper of the Year" by the Iowa Newspaper Association.

I come to the floor to commend the team of collegiate journalists in the student-run newsroom at the Daily Iowan. These awards show that the staff's hard work and commitment to their craft rise above the rest.

You are the cream of the crop. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

I yield the floor.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, week after week, this Capitol has been a study in contrasts. Call it the tale of two Chambers. Over here in the Senate, the lights are on, the doors are open,

and we are working for the American people. All month, we have been in session, passing national security legislation, confirming key nominees, and holding hearings on the coronavirus crisis and the effectiveness of the historic rescue package the Senate wrote and the Senate passed.

We are heeding medical guidance and taking new precautions, but we are showing up and getting things done.

Over across the Rotunda, in the House, crickets—their lights are off. The doors are locked. The people's House has shown up for a grand total of 2 legislative session days since March. Well, 2 days in 8 weeks is a blistering pace.

Last week, they flew into town to pass Speaker PELOSI's latest 1,800-page liberal wish list. Diversity and inclusion in the marijuana industry wasn't going to study itself, after all. That had to be an A-1 priority during this crisis. The Speaker's proposal was so unserious and so far left that it could not even unite her own conference. Even after a 2-month sabbatical, House Democrats could not contribute anything serious.

Yet they did find the time to keep fishing for another impeachment. More than a year after the Mueller report thoroughly debunked the collusion conspiracy theory, Democrats are still pursuing the administration in court over that document. In a new Supreme Court brief the day before yesterday, House Democrats said they have the right to continue because—listen to this—the President's impeachment did not actually end with his acquittal.

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