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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, October 23, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.

Senate

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(Legislative day of Monday, October 19, 2020)

The Senate met at 12 noon, on the expiration of the recess, 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, whose love is from everlasting to everlasting, we pray for our Nation during this season of critical decision making. Guide our citizens with Your wisdom and fill them with Your peace.

Lord, in every generation, You continue to provide people who are equal to our challenges and who strive to please You. Provide us with such leaders that Your Name will be glorified as they strive to do Your will.

Today, replace fear with faith, falsehood with truth, hate with love, so that where You are, Your peace may abide with us all.

We pray in Your powerful 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.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

The Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Michael Jay New-

man, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD). The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask to speak for 1 minute as in morning business.

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

IOWA AGRICULTURE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, Iowa, my State, has a rich legacy in leading the Nation and the world in agriculture production and innovation. Iowa is first in corn production, first in eggs, ethanol, and pork, and second in soybeans. Family farms are the main institution for producing all this. So those family farms are how many Iowans leave their mark on our world, by passing their legacy to their children.

In the Senate, Senator ERNST and I have the great privilege of representing these family farmers. Senator ERNST and I have worked with the Trump administration to make biofuels a priority. We have secured E15 year-round—15 billion gallons of ethanol are blended annually as the law requires—new ethanol infrastructure through the USDA, and secured an extension of the biodiesel tax credit. We have secured and expanded trade agreements with our largest trading partners, which add value to Iowan commodities.

We also helped to put an end to the ridiculous Obama-era waters of the United States rule that would have regulated 97 percent of Iowa's farmland

as navigable waterway. Just as the harvest comes to an end, usually in November, our work will not stop in November. Senator ERNST and I will continue to focus on Iowa farm families and ensuring their success for years to come.

I yield the floor.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

CORONAVIRUS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, today, the Senate will have an opportunity to advance another COVID-19 relief package for American families. For more than 7 months now, the American people have been facing what one writer described as a "health crisis with an economic crisis strapped to its back."

The Senate has stepped up repeatedly, on a bipartisan basis, to help our Nation through this challenge. Today, we have an opportunity to do it once again.

The legislation before us is neither Republicans' nor Democrats' idea of a perfect bill. I think we are all clear on that. But it would move us past Speaker PELOSI's all-or-nothing obstruction and deliver huge support right now for the most pressing needs of our country.

Republicans want to conquer this disease through testing, treatments, and vaccines. Democrats say they agree with us.

Republicans want to pour money into safe schools and make sure an entire

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