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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 22, 1997, at 12 noon.

## Senate

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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, it is startling to realize that there are over 6,000 people who work together to keep this Senate moving forward effectively. We thank You for the chiefs of staff, the schedulers, the legislative assistants, the secretaries, the media liaisons, the State staffs, and the interns who work in the Senators' offices. We thank You for the officers of the Senate, the Senate committee staffs, the security force, the custodians, and waiters and waitresses. Wherever we turn there are people employed to assist 100 men and women do their work of leading our Nation with excellence. Help us to take no one for granted. May this be a day in which we say, "I appreciate you; thanks for what you do!" to the people who work for us and those with whom we work. We are grateful for the gift of each person. In the name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I announce on behalf of the majority leader that today the Senate will resume con-

sideration of S. 830, the FDA reform bill, with Senator KENNEDY being recognized until the hour of 10:30 a.m. for debate only. Under the previous consent, at 10:30 a.m. Senator DURBIN will be recognized to debate his two amendments. Further, at 12 noon the Senate will proceed to a period of morning business, with Senator COVERDELL or his designee being recognized for 90 minutes from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m., and Senator DASCHLE, or his designee being recognized for 90 minutes, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

As previously announced, there will be no rollcall votes during today's session of the Senate. Also as announced, the next rollcall votes will occur on Tuesday, September 23, at 9:30 a.m., on Senator DURBIN's amendments to S. 830, the FDA reform bill.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

### FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION MODERNIZATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1997

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SESSIONS). The clerk will report S. 830.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 830) to amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of foods, drugs, devices and biological products, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. (The modification incorporated the language of Jeffords amendment No. 1130, in the nature of a substitute.)

Harkin amendment No. 1137 (to amendment No. 1130), authorizing funds for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2000 to establish within the National Institutes of Health an agency to be known as the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts is recognized for up to 1 hour.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I yield myself 50 minutes.

Mr. President, this morning we continue the discussion of one of the most important and one of the most controversial and I believe one of the most dangerous provisions of S. 830. We are hopeful that we will be able to garner the attention of the Members of the Senate to support an amendment that will be offered and voted on Tuesday next that will address this dangerous provision that puts the American consumer at risk.

At the outset, I want to mention that those of us who are concerned about this particular provision are many. The Department of Health and Human Services, which is the principal agency of our National Government responsible for the health and safety of the American people, is strongly opposed to section 404, and supports the position that I have taken here today.

Other groups opposed to section 404. Those groups that are opposed to the provision also include the Patients' Coalition, which represents patients from all over this country, a real grassroots organization that understands, at the grassroots level, or the Main Street level, the dangers that this particular provision will mean unless we address

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