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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 1998, at 10 a.m.

Senate

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1998

The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, Creator of the world, Ruler over all life, our Adonai, sovereign Lord of our life, we join with our Jewish friends in celebrating Rosh Hashanah, "the head of the year," the beginning of the days of awe and repentance, a time of reconciliation with You and with one another. We thank You that we are united in our need to repent, to return to our real selves for an honest inventory, and then to come back to You with humble and contrite hearts. Forgive our sins of omission: the words and deeds You called us to do that we neglected, our bland condoning of prejudice and hatred, and our toleration of injustice in our society. Forgive our sins of commission: the times we turned away from Your clear and specific guidance and the times we knowingly rebelled against Your management of our lives and Your righteousness in our Nation. Sound the shofar in our souls; blow the trumpets; and wake our somnolent spirits. Arouse us and call us to spiritual regeneration. Awaken us to our accountability to You for our lives and the leadership of this Nation. We thank You for Your atoning grace and for the opportunity for a new beginning.

Help the Jews and Christians called to serve in this Senate, the Senators' staffs, and the whole support team of the Senate to celebrate our unity under Your sovereignty and to exem-

plify to our Nation the oneness of a shared commitment to You. In Your holy Name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT of Mississippi, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President, and congratulations to you. I understand one of your sons was married this past weekend, and we wish him much happiness in the future.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Thank you.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this afternoon, the Senate will be in a period for morning business until 2 p.m. I know there are Senators who wish to speak during that time. Senator CRAIG is here. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1301, which is the Consumer Bankruptcy Protection Act.

As announced previously, there will be no rollcall votes during today's session out of respect for the Jewish holiday. Members are reminded that a cloture motion was filed on Friday to the committee substitute to the Child Custody Protection Act. Therefore, Members will have until 1 p.m. today to file first-degree amendments. The next rollcall vote will occur at approximately 2:20 p.m. tomorrow on or in relation to the Kennedy minimum wage amendment.

Further votes are expected to be stacked following the minimum wage vote and then continue into the evening as the Senate attempts to complete action on the bankruptcy bill. All Members will be notified as to the time and number of votes during Tuesday's session as that information becomes available.

Again, we will have a vote or votes, possibly as many as two or three, beginning at 2:20 p.m. and other votes in the afternoon, plus we will have, hopefully, final passage on bankruptcy reform and the cloture vote on child custody. Tuesday morning, we will announce the schedule for the remainder of the week as best we can determine it, but that takes a lot of cooperation from Members on both sides of the aisle.

I yield the floor, Mr. President.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GRAMS). Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 2 p.m. The time until 1 p.m. shall be under the control of the Senator from Idaho, Senator CRAIG, or his designee, and the time until 2 p.m. shall be under the control of the Senator from North Dakota, Mr. DORGAN, or his designee.

Mr. CRAIG addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho.

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