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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today’s prayer will be offered by guest Chaplain Dr. Craig Barnes, National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC.

Dr. Barnes, please.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Rev. Craig Barnes, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, as the Senators of our land begin their deliberations this day, we would be careful to ensure that the first words we speak remind us of our complete dependency upon You. We ask that You would bless these Senators as Your servants. They have come with their hearts and minds filled with great agendas, but even these, our leaders, are never more than mortals on a journey from dust to dust. So it is to You that we look for sacred visions that are greater than party visions and certainly greater than the visions any one of us could carry into this Chamber. By Your Holy Spirit, accommodate Your will to our political process, that it may be used to lead this Nation to Your own future filled with hope. And when the day is done and this Chamber is again empty, may all who have come here to serve the Republic know that their work has not been in vain. Encourage them in the certain conviction that they will one day hear from You: Well, done, good and faithful servants. This we ask in the name of the Lord whose way we prepare. 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 JOURNAL

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journal will now be read.

Without objection, the further reading of the Journal will be dispensed with and the Journal will stand approved to date.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Nevada.

PRINTING OF MATERIAL

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a colloquy between Senators DASCHLE and LOTT regarding S. Res. 8, the organizing resolution passed by the Senate last Friday, be printed in today’s RECORD, and that the permanent RECORD be corrected to provide for its inclusion with the resolution when it passed the Senate last Friday.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The material ordered to be printed in the RECORD is as follows:

SENATE ORGANIZATION

Mr. DASCHLE. The unique circumstances presented by this historic 50-50 Senate created significant challenges in organizing the Senate, and those circumstances required both sides to compromise. Having both met with our respective conferences, we both have discovered the potential need in the future to revisit some of the items contained in this agreement. I think it is fair to say that we will deal with the new issues in good faith as they arise. After a great deal of effort, Senator DASCHLE and I have found a way to, in essence, meet halfway. That is what this resolution does.

Mr. DASCHLE. I will briefly describe the provisions of the resolution. First, it provides that the membership of Senate committees will be equally divided between the two parties, and that, consistent with a separate resolution passed on January 3, 2001, all committees will be chaired by the two leaders, and after thorough consultation with all Senators. Although there were difficult issues presented, and the two sides approached those issues from very different points of view, in the end we were able to reach an agreement that, we hope, will allow the Senate to take up and act on the Nation’s business in a bipartisan manner. In the meantime, we both agree that this situation is new ground and some things may have been overlooked in the crafting of this resolution. I would therefore acknowledge that there may be an additional need to revisit this issue at a later date.

Mr. LOTT. I concur with the assessment of the majority leader, Senator DASCHLE. The unique circumstances presented by this historic 50-50 Senate created significant challenges in organizing the Senate, and those circumstances required both sides to compromise. Having both met with our respective conferences, we both have discovered the potential need in the future to revisit some of the items contained in this agreement. I think it is fair to say that we will deal with the new issues in good faith as they arise. After a great deal of effort, Senator DASCHLE and I have found a way to, in essence, meet halfway. That is what this resolution does.

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Republican Senators beginning at noon on January 20.

Second, the resolution provides that committee budgets and office space will be divided equally, subject to the customary set-asides for administrative expenses and so-called non-designated staff. It is our expectation that the details of those arrangements will be negotiated and agreed to by the respective chairman and ranking members of the committee, in consultation with other members of each committee, as customarily is the case at the beginning of each new Congress, to agree to committee rules of procedure.

Further, the resolution provides that committee administrative expenses may be increased where necessary, but that the total administrative expense allocation for all committees shall not exceed historic levels.

I would add that my understanding of this provision is that it will result in little or no net increase in total amounts spent by committees on administrative expenses.

Third, it provides, in the case of a tie vote in committee on a bill or nomination, that either leader may move to discharge the committee. If the motion is agreed to, the bill or nomination would be placed on the calendar. Similarly, in the case of a tie vote in a subcommittee on a legislative item or nomination, the resolution authorizes the committee chairman to discharge the subcommittee and place the legislative item or nomination on the full committee agenda.

Fourth, the resolution provides that no cloture motion shall be filed by either party except to bring to a close debate, and that in no case shall cloture be filed before the expiration of 12 hours of debate.

Fifth, it stipulates that it shall continue to be considered the prerogative of the majority leader to make motions to proceed—although the resolution does not affect the existing right of every Senator to make a motion to proceed if he or she chooses to do so.

Sixth, it provides that in scheduling and debating all legislative and executive business in the Senate, both leaders shall seek to attain an equal balance of the interests of the two parties.

Finally, it provides that should either party attain a majority of the whole number of Senators during the 107th Congress, a new organizing resolution would be required. I would add that it is the intention of the two leaders that if the ratio in the full Senate changes to 51-49, then a resolution instituting one-seat margins in all committees would be necessary.

That summarizes the basic provisions of the resolution. Does the distinguished Republican leader wish to comment?

Mr. LOTT. The majority leader has described the resolution accurately. I would add only that it is my hope and expectation that tie votes in committee will be the exception and not the norm in this Congress, and that the discharge provisions of the resolution will rarely if ever have to be used.

Given the unique nature of this 50-50 Senate and the nature of the country, it is my hope that committee chairmen and ranking members will strive to achieve strong, bipartisan majorities for all legislation and nominations considered in their committees.

Further, the resolution provides that it is the intention, that either leader may move to discharge the committee, and that the right of all Senators to amend and debate is in order. We both agree that the intention of this resolution is not to alter that practice and this resolution does not serve to set into motion any action that would alter that practice. The two leaders agree to work together to ensure that conferences are appointed in a fair and bipartisan manner.

Mr. DASCHLE. In addition to the provisions just discussed, the distinction is raised about the floor procedure known as “filling the amendment tree.” Senator LOTT and I appreciate and understand those concerns, and we wish to assure Senators that it is our intention that the Senate have full and vigorous debates in this 107th Congress, and that the right of all Senators to have their amendments considered will be honored. We have therefore jointly agreed that neither leader, nor their designees in the absence of the leader, will not require implementing legislation.

First, I have discussed with the majority leader concerns that have already begun. I thank my friend the Republican leader, and all Members of the Senate, for their cooperation and good faith in allowing us to reach agreement on this important measure. I yield the floor.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on January 8, 2001, by the President of the United States: Protocol to Amend the 1949 Convention on the Establishment of an Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (Treaty Document 107-2). I further ask that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed; and that the President’s message be printed in the Record.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Protocol to Amend the 1949 Convention on the Establishment of an Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, done at Guayaquil, June 11, 1999, and signed by the United States, subject to ratification, at Guayaquil, Ecuador, on the same date. In addition, I transmit, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with respect to the Protocol. The Protocol will not require implementing legislation.

The Protocol amends the Convention for the Establishment of an Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, done at Washington May 31, 1949, and entered into force March 3, 1950 (the “Convention”), to allow the European Union to become a member of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) created under the Convention. Presently, the Convention is only open to governments of states. The Protocol, upon entry into force, allows the European Union to become a party to the Convention and a full member of the
NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate, January 8, 2001:

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

The following candidates for personnel action in the regular component of the Public Health Service subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations:

To be medical director

ROBERT F. ANDA
RICHARD T. CALDWELL
RUTH A. ETZEL
JOHN T. FRIEDRICH
SCOTT D. HOLMBERG
JONATHAN E. KAPLAN
NEIL J. MAKELA
THOMAS R. NAVIN
FRANK O. RICHARDS JR.
MARY K. SERDULA
PHILLIP L. SMITH
HUGH K. TYNÖ
RONALD J. WALKER
ALLEN J. WILCOX
RAY YIP

To be surgeon

RICHARD J. CALVERT
GRANT L. CAMPBELL
ROBERT L. DANNER JR.
LUIS G. ESCOBEDO
ARTHUR J. FRENCH III
STEVEN K. GALSON
MARTA L. GWINN
DAVID M. HARLAN
CLARE HELMNIK
PAUL J. HIGGINS
KATHLEEN L. IRWIN
WILLIAM J. KASSLER
SANDRA L. KWEEDER
WILLIAM C. LEVIN
JAMES A. LEWIS
FRANK J. MAHONEY
WILLIAM J. MARK JR.
PHUC NGUYEN-DINH
ROGER D. PROCK
ROBERT E. QUICK III
STEPHEN J. RITHNAN
LISA S. ROSENBLUM
ANNE SCHUCHAT
MITCHELL SINGAL
DANIEL M. SOSIN
THOMAS K. STEMPLE
JORDAN W. TAPPERO
UDITH THERBY
WALTER W. WILLIAMS

To be senior surgeon

WILLIAM H. DUNN JR.
DIANA L. DUNNING
DAVID R. GAHN
VIN M. HORN
TANIA A. HURLBUTT
DOROTHY A. JENSEN
PAUL D. MAHER
MARIE A. RUSSELL
JOHN W. VANDERHOOF
JULIA C. WATKINS

To be assistant surgeon

D. W. CHEN
SCOTT F. DOWELL
KAREN L. PARKO

To be senior assistant surgeon

WILLIAM K. DUNN JR.
DIANA L. DUNNING
DAVID R. GAHN
VIN M. HORN
TANIA A. HURLBUTT
DOROTHY A. JENSEN
PAUL D. MAHER
MARIE A. RUSSELL
JOHN W. VANDERHOOF
JULIA C. WATKINS

To be dental director

BARBARA B. BEACH
M. ANN DRUM
RICHARD T. HIGHAM
MICHAEL L. MARK
GENE J. MCLACHLAN
STEVEN R. NEWMAN
MIGUEL RICO
JOHN L. M. ROBINSON
BARRY H. WATERMAN
RICHARD H. WHITE
RUSSELL C. WILLIAMS JR.

To be senior dental surgeon

THOMAS L. BERNE
MITCHEL J. BERNSTEIN
SAMUEL L. BUNDRENT
APRIL C. BUTTS
WILLIAM L. CANADA
ROGER L. CHLO
DAVID L. CLEMMINS
MICHAEL E. CRUTCHER
MARGARET L. LAMY
JAMES E. LEONARD
STEVE J. MESCHER
LYNN N. PRICE
JOSEPH P. ROGER R.
LEE S. SNACKELFORD
WILLIAM D. WOOD
JOHN T. ZIMMER

To be dental surgeon

ANITA L. BRIGHT

To be nurse director

MELISSA M. ADAMS

MORNING BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair calls for the presentation of petitions and memorials.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

There being none, reports of committees are now in order.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

There being no reports, the introduction of bills and joint resolutions is now in order.

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair calls for the submission of resolutions.

CALL OF THE CALENDAR

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. There being no resolutions to come over under the rule, morning business is now closed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting a treaty and sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

(RECUESS UNTIL SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2001, at 3 P.M.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will now stand in recess until 3 post meridian. The Senate will then continue, if necessary, on Friday, January 21, 2000, at 9 a.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.
To be senior nurse officer

To be nurse officer

To be senior assistant nurse officer

To be engineer director

To be senior engineer officer

To be engineer officer

To be senior assistant engineer officer

To be scientist director

To be senior scientist

To be sanitarian director

To be senior sanitarian

To be sanitarian

To be senior assistant pharmacist

To be chief pharmacist

To be pharmacist director

To be pharmacist officer

To be senior pharmacist officer

To be pharmacist officer

To be health services director

To be health services officer
EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the Congressional Record on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 10
10 a.m.  Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings on the nomination of Roderick Paige, to be Secretary of Education.
SD-430

JANUARY 16
9 a.m.  Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings on the nomination of Christine Todd Whitman, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.
SD-406

10:30 a.m.  Foreign Relations
To hold hearings on the nomination of Colin L. Powell, to be Secretary of State.
SH-216

JANUARY 17
10:30 a.m.  Foreign Relations
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SH-216

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Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action
Routine Proceedings, pages S53–S56
Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:
The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:
A routine list in the Public Health Service.

Pages S54–55

Recess: Senate met at 12 noon, and recessed at 12:05 p.m., until 3 p.m. Saturday, January 20, 2001.

Committee Meetings
No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Saturday, January 20, 2001.

Committee Meetings
No committee meetings were held.

Committee MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2001

Senate
Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on a United Nations Reform Report, 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

House
No committee meetings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
3 p.m., Saturday, January 20

Senate Chamber
Program for Saturday: Senate expects to consider certain executive business.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Saturday, January 20

House Chamber
Program for Saturday: Inauguration Ceremonies.