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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2001, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2001

The Senate met at 10:00 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:

O God of new beginnings, give us minds open to Your fresh vision and hearts ready to be warmed by the glow of Your presence. Open our ears to hear Your admonition, *Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit*—Zechariah 4:6.

Remind us all that it is not by human strategies or clever power-brokering that Your work is done but by the grace, guidance, and gifts of Your Spirit. Help the Senators to humbly ask for and to willingly receive the supernatural endowments of Your wisdom, discernment, insight, and courage. You alone can make good leaders great leaders. May You grant the Senators such lodestar magnetism that there can be no other explanation for their dynamic words and lives than that they have been with You and have decided to live in the flow of Your Spirit.

Free them from the limits of self-reliance. Surprise them with what You can do with leaders who are totally reliant on Your spiritual reinforcement and resilience. Fill this Chamber with Your glory and the Senators with Your grace. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JUDD GREGG, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire, 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader is recognized.

BEGINNING OF THE 107TH CONGRESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, as always, it is good to see you present and ready for a new beginning. I think we have a new opportunity in this 107th Congress. Again, I extend appreciation to our Chaplain for the spiritual leadership he provides to the Senate, all Senators and our Senate family.

I see the distinguished Democratic whip, Senator REID from Nevada, is on the floor also ready to go to work. I appreciate the work he did in the last Congress and look forward to working with him this year. We are now at a stage in our country's history where we will be able to take a new look at what we want to do for the benefit of all of our people. We have completed the election, we have completed the inauguration, and now we begin to get down to business.

I am pleased today that we will have an opportunity to go down with leaders of both parties from both the House and the Senate to meet with the new President to begin to discuss the agenda and how he would like to proceed and how we would like to proceed in our own way.

SCHEDULE

This is the first day for bills to be introduced. The Senate will then have a period of morning business until 3 p.m. for the purpose of general statements, most of them, of course, with respect to the bills introduced.

As previously announced, there will be no rollcall votes today. Votes, if necessary can be expected during this week's session regarding the confirmation of the President's Cabinet nominees. Senators will be notified as votes are scheduled. I expect there could be a vote or two scheduled on Tuesday, perhaps also on Wednesday, but we will give Members specifics on that once we have had an opportunity to consult with leaders on the Democratic side of the aisle.

I also thank all the Senators for their willingness to allow us to move seven of the President's nominees through confirmation on Saturday. There had been some indication that perhaps recorded votes would be necessary, but after a great deal of working back and forth and the fact that Senator DASCHLE was willing to be supportive of moving the nominees through quickly, we were able to get that done. I think that was a wise decision on behalf of myself and I know the new President is glad six members of his team have already been sworn in and the seventh will probably be sworn in today, especially those dealing with national security issues, economic issues, and even the new Energy Secretary who will have to immediately begin to address some of the energy needs in this country. I think we are off to a good start.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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