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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 26, 2001, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2001

The Senate met at 8:45 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CRAIG THOMAS, a Senator from the State of Wyoming.

### PRAYER

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

Almighty God, on this twenty-third day of March, we gratefully remember that it was on this day in 1775 that Patrick Henry delivered his famous, "give me liberty or give me death" speech. Thank You for patriots like Henry who not only fought for political freedom but also for religious freedom for all people. We are deeply moved by what Patrick Henry championed in Article 16 of the Virginia Bill of Rights: that ". . . all men are equally entitled to the free exercise of religion and to practice . . . forbearance, love, and charity towards each other."

Father, may the many different ways we worship You result in righteousness in our character and in our leadership. May Your righteousness make us right with You, keep us right with each other, and distinguish our Nation for righteousness. Help us face and solve any problems in our society that deny people their freedom. So help us, Almighty God, for we do believe that righteousness exalts a Nation! Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable CHRIS DODD, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, March 23, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CRAIG THOMAS, a Senator from the State of Wyoming, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. THOMAS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Acting Majority Leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, today the Senate will immediately re-

sume the consideration of the Helms campaign finance reform legislation with up to 15 minutes of debate with a vote to occur at approximately 9 a.m.

Additional amendments will be offered throughout the day.

Senators who have amendments are encouraged to come to the floor during today's session to ensure consideration of their amendment.

As a reminder, the Senate will consider the Hollings joint resolution regarding a constitutional amendment on Monday. A vote on that joint resolution will occur beginning at 6 p.m. Additional votes may occur Monday evening as well.

### BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT OF 2001

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 27, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 27) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform.

Pending:

Specter amendment No. 140, to provide findings regarding the current state of campaign finance laws and to clarify the definition of electioneering communication.

Helms amendment No. 141, to require labor organizations to provide notice to members concerning their rights with respect to the expenditure of funds for activities unrelated to collective bargaining.

AMENDMENT NO. 141, AS MODIFIED

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, Senator HELMS desires to modify his amendment. I send that modification to the desk.

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



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