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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2001, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2001

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable EVAN BAYH, a Senator from the State of Indiana.

PRAYER

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

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust."—Psalm 91:1-2.

Let us pray: Almighty God, we praise You for the wonderful way You have answered our prayers for this great Senate family. Today we end this workweek with heads held high with confidence, faces radiant with resolute-ness, hearts filled with courage, and wills fired with galvanized determination. With Your help we will calmly finish our work today and, as usual, look forward to the rest and rejuvenation of the weekend. You have cared for this Senate through dynamic leaders. Thank You for TOM DASCHLE and his strong inspiration for his own staff and the Senate as a whole. We began this week praying for his staff; we end the week with admiration for their patriotism under frightening circumstances. We praise You for the friendship and mutual esteem of TOM DASCHLE and TRENT LOTT as they affirm our oneness and work for unity. And under the immense pressure of the nights and days of this week, we have witnessed the relentless commitment of people like Senate Officers Jeri Thomson and Al Lenhardt, Capitol Physician John Eisold and his team,

and our friend and counselor, Senator/Doctor BILL FRIST.

Lord, those who tried to create panic with anthrax letters and threatening phone calls have failed. We are stronger than ever and more determined to press on in the battle against terrorism here and throughout the world. Thank You in advance for victory. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable EVAN BAYH 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.

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. BYRD].

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 18, 2001.

To the Senate:

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

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as has been ordered, this morning the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 10:30 a.m. At 10:30, the Senate will begin consideration of the conference report to accompany the Military Construction Appropriations Act. There will be 30 minutes of debate equally divided between Senators HUTCHISON of Texas and Senator FEINSTEIN. The vote on adoption of the conference report will occur at 11 a.m.

I have been asked by the majority leader to announce this will be the last rollcall vote of the day.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I wonder if the Senator will yield for a question.

Mr. REID. I would be happy to yield. Mr. THOMAS. I am sorry, I did not understand. What is the proposal in terms of being in session, despite the fact there is just one vote?

Mr. REID. There is a lot of activity expected. There are a number of pieces of legislation that need to be introduced. I have several. I have spoken to people on the Republican side throughout the week, and I know they have wanted time to introduce legislation. So I expect there will be activity in this Senate Chamber throughout the afternoon.

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