



United States
of America

Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 107th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Vol. 148

WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2002

No. 79

House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 2002, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2002

The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, a Senator from the State of Arkansas.

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, Sovereign of this Nation and Lord of our lives, we thank You for the outward symbols of inner meaning that remind us of Your blessings. The sight of our flag stirs patriotism and dedication. It reminds us of Your providential care through the years, of our blessed history as a people, of our role in the unfolding of Your American dream, and of the privilege we share living in this land.

Today, as we celebrate Flag Day, we repledge allegiance to our flag and recommit ourselves to the awesome responsibilities that You have entrusted to us. May the flag that waves above this Capitol remind us that this is Your land.

Thank You, Lord, that our flag also gives us a bracing affirmation of the unique role of the Senate in our democracy. In each age, You have called truly great men and women to serve as leaders. May these contemporary patriots experience fresh strength and vision, as You renew the drumbeat of Your Spirit, calling them to march to the cadence of Your righteousness. In the Name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable BLANCHE L. LINCOLN 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 14, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. LINCOLN 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, we are going to be in a period of morning business until 9:35 a.m. Senator MURRAY has the first 20 minutes. The remaining time will be under the control of the

Republican leader or his designee. At 9:35, we are going to have two votes. Following that, the main reason for me appearing this morning is to tell Members S. 2600 will be open for amendment. We hope people will come over today. There will only be two votes.

We didn't have a good day yesterday. We had a couple of amendments, but the rest was not very serious business related to the extremely important antiterrorism insurance legislation.

We hope people will begin to move forward on this legislation. The majority leader indicated we are going to pass this legislation. It is just a question of whether we are going to do it with or without cloture.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 9:35, with 20 minutes being under the control of the Senator from Washington.

The Senator from Washington is recognized.

HEALTH CARE CHALLENGES IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, seniors in Washington State cannot get

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



Printed on recycled paper.

S5563