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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2002, at 2 p.m.

Senate

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2002

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, a Senator from the State of New York.

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, Source of strength for those who seek to serve You, we praise You for that second wind of Your power that comes when we feel pressure or stress. You have promised that, "As your days so shall your strength be." Well, Lord, You know what these days are like before the August recess. The Senators and all who work with them feel the pressure of the work and the little time to accomplish it. In days like these, stress mounts and our reserves are drained. Physical tiredness can invade our effectiveness and relationships can be strained. In this quiet moment, we open ourselves to the infilling of Your strength. We admit our dependence on You, submit to Your guidance, and commit our work to You. Give us that healing assurance that You will provide strength to do what You guide and that there will always be enough time in any one day to do what You have planned for us to do. In Your all-powerful name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON 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, July 31, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, a Senator from the State of New York, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. CLINTON 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. Madam President, this morning the Senate will immediately resume consideration of S. 812, the generic drug bill. Under an order entered yesterday evening, there will be up to 90 minutes of debate on the motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to the Graham and Smith of Oregon prescription drug amendment. A vote on that motion to waive is expected to occur around 11 o'clock this morning.

If the motion to waive is not successful, the Senate will immediately act on the Dorgan amendment, as amended, and then go directly to a cloture vote on the underlying bill. Should cloture be invoked on S. 812, then a vote on final passage will occur immediately. Following disposition of the generic drug bill, the Senate will vote on confirming the nomination of D. Brooks Smith to be U.S. Circuit Judge. Debate on that was completed last night.

The succeeding votes in this series will be 10 minutes, and there will be up to 2 minutes of discussion time available between each vote, except that prior to the Smith vote there will be 2½ minutes on each side.

The Senate is expected to begin consideration of the Defense appropriations bill following the vote on Judge Smith. It is anticipated we will finish the Defense bill tonight.

Therefore, Senators should be prepared to remain on the floor following the first vote today so that the succeeding votes can be expedited. Senators should expect rollcall votes occurring around 11 a.m. and into the evening.

It should be a very busy day. Even if we complete this schedule, which I am confident we will do, we still have a lot of work to do before we take our August break.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

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