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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2003, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2003

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will be led in prayer this morning by the Chaplain of the House of Representatives, Father Daniel Coughlin.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Father Daniel Coughlin, offered the following prayer: All powerful God and Father of all the living, yesterday's holiday brought to mind the wise words of Rabbi Abraham Heschal:

Martin Luther King Jr. is a voice, a vision and a way. I call upon every Jew to hearken to his voice, to share his vision, to follow in his way. The whole future of America will depend on the impact and influence of Dr. King.

Today in this awesome Chamber I call upon Americans of all faiths to join in praying for the Members of the Senate as they face the future of America. Together let us continue to hearken to his voice, share his vision, and follow in his way. By Your grace may Dr. King's dream for America become a reality.

In these troublesome times, awaken in the soul of this country the lasting political implications of religious beliefs. Encircle us with Your light that we may be unafraid to address the racism, militarism, and materialism etched in routine structures of our day—and so become truly free at last. As Your free children lead us to seek first Your kingdom and justice for all our brothers and sisters, proud to be one Nation under God now and forever. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE 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 ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CORNYN). The assistant majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. MCCONNELL. This morning there will be a period for morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10:30 a.m., with the time equally divided in the usual form. At 10:30, the Senate will then resume consideration of H.J. Res. 2, the appropriations bill. I understand there are several Members on the other side of the aisle who intend to offer their amendments to the appropriations measure during Tuesday's session.

In addition to considering further amendments to the appropriations measure, it is the majority leader's hope that on Tuesday the Senate will consider the nomination of Tom Ridge to be Secretary of Homeland Security. I believe some Members have indicated their desire to speak in regard to that nomination. A rollcall vote is anticipated.

At the hour of 5:15, the Senate will vote on S. 121, the AMBER Alert bill. This will be the first vote of today's session. Additional votes are expected during today.

As a reminder, Senators have until 6 p.m. today to file their first-degree amendments to the appropriations bill.

Finally, I announce to Members that they should expect busy sessions each day this week in the hopes of completing action on the appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic whip.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if I could direct a couple of questions to the distinguished Senator from Kentucky, we have a number of people, as on my colleague's side I am sure, who are catching planes and getting back after the Martin Luther King holiday. Does the leader have any idea how late he wants to stay in today?

Mr. MCCONNELL. I have not spoken with him this morning, but my assumption is we would like to make as much progress as we can toward completing the bill. Obviously, the longer we remain on this bill, the less opportunity we have to move ahead with the work of the year in which we find ourselves. As the Senator knows, we are still wrapping up last year's work.

Mr. REID. We have one Senator coming to offer an amendment at 10:30. We have another Senator coming at 11:30 or quarter to 12. We are going to try to move as many amendments as we can today, and hopefully the Senators will agree on both sides that we could have votes on those matters this evening. So

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