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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

Monday, April 28, 2003

The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the President protempore [Mr. STEVENS].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff, retired U.S. Navy chaplain.

#### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Oh God, who made the world and said it was good, we pray our faith—and faiths—can help us see that good, despite the bad that sometimes blocks our way. Oh God, who said, "Let there be light," we pray our faiths—in different ways, with different prayers and customs, but with shared hopes and dreams of better times—can help us see that light, despite the darkness that sometimes obscures our view.

Almighty God, I remember twenty years ago, in a foxhole in Beirut: I looked around at the others in the bunker, and had a simple thought. "We Americans," I said, "must have the only 'interfaith foxholes' in the whole Mid-East." And then I thought, that if more foxholes had room for those of different faiths, perhaps we would need less room for foxholes—and have more room for faith.

And so, we pray that we be touched and inspired by the dreams of faiths that make our Nation rich; and that we work with all who share the dream of freedom—and freedom's holy light. Let us see the danger is not that sometimes faiths see God—see You—in different ways, but that there are those in every faith who see themselves as gods.

Let us keep faith, but let faith keep us humble, so that we know our limits, even as we learn our strength. Then the time will come when even interfaith foxholes will no longer be required and we learn war no more.

And may we say, Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Reid, will you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HARRY REID 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. ALEXANDER). The Senator from Ohio is recognized.

## SCHEDULE

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, following the morning business period, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey S. Sutton to be a circuit judge for the Sixth Circuit. Under the previous consent agreement reached, a vote will occur on the confirmation of that nomination on Tuesday at approximately 12 noon. There will be no rollcall votes during today's session

The majority leader has also stated that this week the Senate will also re-

sume consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Owen to be a circuit judge for the Fifth Circuit.

In addition, there are a number of other legislative items that may be scheduled for action, including the bioshield bill, the digital and wireless technology legislation, the FISA bill, and any other legislative or executive items that can be cleared.

Again, as a reminder, the first roll-call vote will occur at approximately 12 noon tomorrow.

## RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

## MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business for not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m., with the time equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

The Senator from Ohio.

#### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, shortly before Congress adjourned for the Easter recess, I came here to the Senate floor and had a chance to speak briefly about the magnificent service that our Armed Forces are performing in Iraq. The hard-working men and

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

