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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 16, 2003, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2003

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by retired U.S. Navy Chaplain Arnold Resnicoff.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

O God who made the rainbows in the sky, You made our land a rainbow, too: from purple mountain majesties to amber waves of grain, we marvel at the colors of our Nation, and the beauty of our land.

Today, this week, and tomorrow in a special way—Flag Week, and June 14, Flag Day—we set aside some time to honor special colors: the colors of our flag. We celebrate the values our flag in all its colors and its glory represents, and the memories and dreams our Stars and Stripes—our Star-Spangled Banner—still invokes. “The grand old flag,” as the old song goes, is still “the emblem of the land I love”—we love—“the home of the free and the brave.”

In a moment we will pledge our allegiance to the flag—and to the Republic for which it stands. As we take that pledge today, let us make that pledge a prayer. Let us pray that the colors of our flag, and the true colors of our Nation and our people—our dedication to the cause of liberty and justice for all; our courage and determination even in the face of adversity; and our faith—are forever represented by our flag. May it bring hope of better times to all the citizens of our land, and all the nations of our world. May it forever wave,

o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

And may we say, 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 MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will be in a period for morning business until 10 a.m. Under the previous order, at 10 a.m. the Senate will proceed to executive session and immediately vote on the nomination of Hewitt Pate to be Assistant Attorney General. That will be the first and only vote today.

On Monday, we will begin consideration of S. 1, the prescription drug/Medicare bill. As a reminder, there will be no votes during Monday's session. However, Senators will be able to make their opening remarks on the prescription drug bill.

Late last night, the Finance Committee completed the markup of that bill, and it will be available for debate on Monday. It is our intention to stay on that bill until completion, working

through the debate and amendment process to everyone's satisfaction. I will have more to say on the schedule later today.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. While the majority leader is in the Chamber—it was not appropriate yesterday when we finished the FAA bill—I wish to say in his presence that it seems the press always focuses on the flare-ups that take place in the Senate in committee or on the floor and they do not often recognize the good work done by the Senate. I think the work done yesterday on the FAA bill was exemplary. The managers of the bill, the chairman and ranking member, Senator MCCAIN and Senator HOLLINGS, showed their maturity. They worked through these amendments. When there was a debate that was necessary, they had one. When votes were necessary, they had votes. There were no unnecessary votes yesterday. They were aided by the two subcommittee chairs, Senator ROCKEFELLER and Senator LOTT.

I thought yesterday was really a good day for the Senate. The FAA reauthorization was one of the most important bills we could do. There are things in that bill that will help every part of our country. The conferees have already been appointed. They can go to conference as early as next week and come back with a bill very soon.

Again, I say that it is more press worthy to focus on things that go

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