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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, August 1, 2003, at 4 p.m.

Senate

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2003

(Legislative day of Monday, July 21, 2003)

The Senate met at 9 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, You give strength to the weak and hope to the weary. You provide us with songs in the night. Great is Your faithfulness. We thank You for daily blessings, for the many moments that are touched by Your providence. We thank You for restoring us every time we fail. Make our faith more sure and help us to be faithful stewards of Your gifts. Give us ears to hear Your voice and hearts to obey You. Guide our Senators today. Teach them Your paths. We pray in Your strong name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU 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. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 30, 2003.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

Mr. SUNUNU thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will resume consideration of S. 14, the Energy bill. Under the order, the Cantwell second-degree amendment to the electricity amendment will be debated for 2½ hours. Following the disposition of that amendment, we will have 60 minutes prior to the cloture vote on the Estrada nomination. This will be the seventh cloture vote on his nomination.

Following the cloture vote, we will resume the electricity amendment and, hopefully, we will reach an agreement for the consideration of the two Bingaman second-degree amendments on

electricity. The chairman has stated it is his desire for the Senate to work its will on those second degrees and then vote on the underlying electricity amendment. We hope to reach an agreement to allow for that to occur at a reasonable time this afternoon. In addition, there have been discussions about debating and voting in relation to several climate-related amendments during today's session. I certainly hope we can reach reasonable time limits on the amendments as we go forward, so we can have a productive day on the Energy bill. Senators should be prepared to work into the evening with votes as we move through the remaining amendments.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, while the majority leader is on the floor, we have had a number of conversations privately and publicly with the distinguished Senator from New Mexico on this electricity title. As I indicated last night, we have Senators FEINSTEIN, FEINGOLD, BOXER, DAYTON, and CANTWELL who have amendments to offer. All of them but Senator CANTWELL have single amendments. Senator CANTWELL may have two or three others. We will work with Senator DOMENICI to have time agreements on these. I

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