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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, October 24, 2003, at 10 a.m.

## Senate

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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SAMUEL D. BROWNBACk, a Senator from the State of Kansas.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

O God, Great Lover of our souls, You are our glory, our hope, and our refuge in the day of trouble. Nothing is sweeter than Your love.

Lord, may we remember that Your love can cast out fear, and release us from chains of selfishness. Help us to live to please You.

May we remember that we are only pilgrims on Earth, made for eternity, not for time alone. Give the light of Your truth to our Senators so that they will remain ethically fit. May they not rest their trust in only what humans can accomplish, but in the power of Your Spirit. Let their mouths speak wisdom and make them forces for unity.

Teach us to depend on You so that our joy may be full. We pray this in Your strong name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SAMUEL D. BROWNBACk 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, October 22, 2003.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SAMUEL D. BROWNBACk, a Senator from the State of Kansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. BROWNBACk 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, under the order from last night, the Senate will conduct a period of morning business until 11:30 this morning. During morning business, the first 30 minutes will be under the control of Senator HUTCHISON, the second block of 30 minutes will be under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee, and

the final 60 minutes will be equally divided for Senators to speak.

Following this time, at 11:30 the Senate will resume debate on the motion to proceed to S. 1751, the class action fairness bill. At 12:30 p.m., the Senate will proceed to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1751. This cloture vote will be the first vote of today's session. I am hopeful that cloture will be invoked today and that we are able to proceed to the legislation for debate and amendments.

If we are to begin consideration of the class action measure, I also hope to reach an agreement on amendments to the bill which would allow us to finish the bill this week. I will be talking to the Democratic leadership about an agreement for later today, if the cloture vote is successful.

Again, I remind Members that we continue to work on time agreements for the consideration of a number of issues—the fair education credit reporting legislation, the anti-spam bill, the Internet tax moratorium measure, the Healthy Forests bill, the CARE Act, as well as nominations that are available on the Executive Calendar.

This is not an exclusive list, and we continue to process legislation each day as legislative items are cleared for floor action.

We have a lot of work to do in the few remaining weeks left in the session. It will require some give on both sides of the aisle. I hope Members will allow us to reach agreements to consider legislation so that we can use the remaining floor time in an efficient manner.

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