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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2004

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN CORNYN, a Senator from the State of Texas.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

O God, who remains the same though all else fades, in this season that is holy for so many we pause to thank You for loving us, even when we wander from Your purposes. Incline our hearts to respond to Your amazing grace and to cling to You, who alone can give us rest and joy.

We pray for our Senators. May they follow in the footsteps of their noble forebears who risked all for freedom. Help them through the decisions they make to build monuments of moral excellence and courage for generations to behold. Open their eyes to Your wisdom and may they hear the distant triumph songs of Your throne. Lord, uphold this great Nation with Your strong right hand. We pray this in Your holy Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN CORNYN 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, April 6, 2004.

To the Senate:

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

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. CORNYN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning there will be a period of morning business until 11 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 2207, the Pregnancy and Trauma Care Access Protection Act of 2004.

I remind my colleagues, on Friday of this past week I asked for consent to proceed to S. 2207 to allow us to begin debate on this important medical liability issue, an issue which addresses a crisis which affects us all. There was an objection from the other side and it was necessary to file a cloture motion

on the motion to proceed to the pregnancy and trauma care bill. Under the order, that vote will occur at 2:15 tomorrow afternoon. Members will debate that motion and the merits of this underlying medical liability legislation throughout the day today. I do hope we are able to invoke cloture Wednesday afternoon so we may proceed to this very important measure.

I also remind Senators yesterday it became necessary for me to file a second cloture motion with respect to the JOBS bill, the bill known as the FSC/ETI, or the Jumpstart JOBS bill. Consideration of this timely measure—timely because sanctions right now are in effect and the sanctions are affecting U.S. companies every day—consideration of this timely measure has been slowed because of unrelated amendments, amendments that have nothing to do with these manufacturing jobs and trade issues.

I have had a number of discussions with the two managers of the bill in an effort to finish the bill in a reasonable amount of time with a reasonable number of amendments, but we have been unable to reach an agreement today. Due to the desire to offer these unrelated amendments not relevant to the bill, and with no end to the number of amendments in sight, it became necessary for this second cloture vote.

I now ask consent that the vote on cloture on the motion to recommit occur tomorrow afternoon following the 2:15 vote, regardless of the provisions of rule XXII.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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