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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 2005, at 12:30 p.m.

## Senate

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2005

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable LINCOLN D. CHAFEE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, You laid the foundations of the Earth and defend the boundaries of the sea. You command the morning to appear and cause the dawn to rise in the east. Golden splendor comes from Your mountains and You lay out the path for the lightning.

Today, we pray for those who need Your touch. Bless those who live in our world's shadows and empower the unnoticed doing their duty.

Strengthen our Senators. Inspire them to work diligently to establish peace and justice in our world. Teach them each day to be good stewards of Your manifold grace. Sustain all those who suffer in our world, who stagger beneath burdens too heavy to carry.

We pray this in Your loving Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable LINCOLN D. CHAFEE 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 assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, May 13, 2005.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable LINCOLN D. CHAFEE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

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

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under a previous order, the leader time is reserved.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate majority leader.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today we return to the consideration of the highway bill. Yesterday, cloture was invoked by a vote of 92 to 7. We were then able to reach an agreement for finishing the bill on Tuesday. Under that agreement, Senators may offer

amendments today from the limited list agreed to last night. Chairman INHOFE is here and may also have some cleared amendments to dispose of this morning.

I announced last night that no rollcall votes would occur today. The next rollcall vote will be Monday at approximately 5:30. On Monday, we will again resume debate on the highway bill. Senators will have the final opportunity to offer their amendments. We will vote on one or two of those amendments on Monday evening. That will allow the Senate to return to the measure Tuesday morning and vote on the remaining amendments and final passage.

After consulting with the chairman of the committee and the Democrat leader, we are hopeful most of these amendments will not require votes, that only a few remaining amendments will need rollcall votes prior to passage.

As I did last night, I commend the managers for their hard work. I look forward to finishing the bill early next week. We have spent 2 weeks on this bill and given plenty of opportunity, plenty of time for Members to come forward. They have done so. We are on a final glidepath to completion of this very important bill.

### PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this Sunday marks the 24th anniversary of Peace Officers' Memorial Day. Each year, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the country

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