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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2006

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

PRAYER

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

Let us pray:

Lord of life, our refuge and fortress, we place our trust in You. You are our strength, our shield, and our salvation. We dedicate ourselves today to do Your will and to be instruments for Your glory.

Use our lawmakers as forces for good. May what they declare with their lips be proven by their deeds.

Increase our love for You that we may experience more of Your transforming presence. Help us all to enrich our faith with knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, kindness, and love. We pray in Your holy Name.

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.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, today we return to our legislative business following the Easter/Passover adjournment. This afternoon, we will be in a period of morning business so that Senators can come to the floor to make statements.

There will be no rollcall votes during today's session. Tomorrow we will begin work on the supplemental appropriations bill. Chairman COCHRAN will be managing that bill, and we encourage Senators who have amendments to contact Senator COCHRAN and the ranking member.

We are now in a 5-week legislative period, which we anticipate will be a busy stretch of work. We have a lot of important issues to address during this time. The majority leader will have more to say on the schedule tomorrow.

Having said that, I welcome everybody back and hope everybody is rested and ready for the weeks ahead.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader is recognized.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding that the majority leader

wants to have a judge vote at 10:30 tomorrow morning.

Mr. McCONNELL. We would like to have a vote in the morning on a district judge, if that would be possible.

Mr. REID. I think we should alert all Members that we will have a vote in the morning.

Mr. McCONNELL. I thank my friend from Nevada.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The Democratic leader is recognized.

COMPLIMENTING THE SENATE CHAPLAIN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I first would like to acknowledge the prayer of Admiral Black, our good Chaplain. I hope that all those who heard his prayer, as I did, will take it to heart. Certainly, I am going to try to. I try to get here every day—and I am not able to do it every day—to hear his prayer. He is a remarkable man, and we are fortunate to have him as our Chaplain.

THE SENATE SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I spent the recess traveling in Nevada—Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Boulder City, Henderson, my hometown of Searchlight, and I also traveled to Pahrump, Reno,

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