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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 16, 2007, at 2 p.m.

Senate

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

God of all life, we seek You in a world filled with challenges and problems. Prepare the Members of this body for the rigors of solving life's riddles today. Give them the wisdom to seek common opportunities, to accomplish Your divine will in our world. Make them instruments of Your love in the midst of hatred and strife. Teach them to spend and be spent for the good of others.

Lord, we intercede for them. Give them the spiritual tools for strength of thought, lightness of heart, sincerity of conviction, and clarity of purpose. Renew their commitment to You as their inspiration, their strength, their courage, their guide, and their Lord.

We pray in Your omniscient Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN 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 read a communication to the

Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 11, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

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

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

RECOGNITION OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I am told the majority leader will be out shortly. Let me just mention that the vote is likely to be moved from 5:45 to 5:55, for the information of all Senators. We have a structured order for debate for the balance of the morning and afternoon that has already been agreed to.

I yield the floor.

STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2007

HOPE OFFERED THROUGH PRINCIPLED AND ETHICAL STEM CELL RESEARCH ACT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate shall resume consideration of the following measures en bloc, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 5) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

A bill (S. 30) to intensify research to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there is now 90 minutes of debate under the control of the Senator from Iowa, Mr. HARKIN, or his designee; 45 minutes under the control of the Senator from Minnesota, Mr. COLEMAN, and the Senator from Georgia, Mr. ISAKSON, and 45 minutes under the control of the Senator from Kansas, Mr. BROWNBACK.

Who yields time? The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, before I yield the floor to my colleague from Massachusetts, I just want to again bring people up to speed as to where we are in this debate. We will debate the two bills again today, S. 5 and S. 30, all day. We will have two votes later today at a time to be determined by the leaders but I think right prior to 6 p.m., the first vote occurring on S. 5, an up-or-down vote without amendments, and after that would be an up-or-down vote on S. 30, without amendments.

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