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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 2 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2007

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Memorial Day approaches, we pause to thank You for those who have laid down their lives for our country. Thank You for heroes and the heroines proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life. Use our lawmakers to honor the sacrifices of those who have given the last full measure of devotion.

May our Senators dedicate themselves to the great task of perfecting Your kingdom of peace and righteousness among all nations. Endue the Members of this body with the courage to be faithful in their work that they may not break faith with those who have fallen on distant battlefields.

We pray in Your mighty Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HARRY REID 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. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 25, 2007.

To the Senate:

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

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE 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. REID. Mr. President, the Senate will immediately resume consideration of the immigration bill. We have the two managers of the bill here. There will be two amendments from each side to be offered today.

Mr. President, in anticipation of coming back the week after our break, which starts this afternoon, we are going to finish the immigration bill. I hope that we will not have to file cloture. There have been enough amendments offered. I hope we can have a final vote on passage. If things are not going well on Tuesday and Wednesday

when we get back, I will consider filing cloture. I will certainly discuss this in detail with the Republican leader, Senator MCCONNELL.

We have made a lot of progress on this bill. It is according to whose view you have as to whether it is forward or backward. As far as I am concerned, the bipartisan agreement that was reached by Democrats and Republicans has put us on a path for resolving one of America's big problems, immigration.

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—S.J. RES. 14

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand that S.J. Res. 14 is at the desk and is due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the joint resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 14) expressing the sense of the Senate that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales no longer holds the confidence of the Senate and of the American people.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object to further proceeding at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

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