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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 2, 2009, at 2 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2009

The Senate met at 9:31 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit, our shelter in the time of storm, our rock in a weary land, Lord, we live in challenging times that require more than human solutions for our problems. In the midst of these days, help our lawmakers to find in You a sure place to stand and a strong support they can absolutely trust. Lord, give them such faith in You that they will seek and follow Your guidance, living lives that honor Your Name. Rule in their hearts as they deliberate so that Your higher wisdom will prevail. Help them to remember that they must give an account to You for how responsible they are in carrying out their duties.

We pray in Your strong Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK R. WARNER 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 assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 30, 2009.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER 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, we are going to be in a period for the transaction of morning business today. Senators will be allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each. There will be no roll-call votes today, as we announced last night. We will proceed to the consideration of the American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009 on Monday. Under a previous agreement, the Senate will debate and vote on the Holder nomination to be Attorney General of the United States. That will occur at 6:15 p.m. on Monday.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I also ask unanimous consent to speak for as much time as I may use in morning business.

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

The Senator from Texas is recognized.

NOMINATION OF ERIC HOLDER

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, on Monday, the Senate will take up the nomination of Eric Holder to be the next Attorney General of the United States. I

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