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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at 10.30 a.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009

The Senate met at 2:01 p.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 God, we come to You today because we need You. We can't work well without Your help and blessings. Guide our lawmakers, give them the wisdom to listen to Your voice and follow Your leading. Lord, remind them that no one knows what a day might bring, so they must not put things off until a tomorrow that may never come. Help them to use their lives wisely and not foolishly, generously and not selfishly. As they labor, may they remember that one day they shall give an account of their work to You. To that end, empower them to live for Your honor.

We pray in Your matchless 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 22, 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, following leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business for up to 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each during that period of time. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1023, the Travel Promotion Act. The time from 4:30 until 5:30 will be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees. At 5:30, the Senate will proceed to a rollcall vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Dorgan amendment. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments is today at 3:30 p.m.

TRADE PROMOTION ACT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, later today Democrats will move forward on a bill sponsored by Democrats and Republicans—lots of Republicans—a bill that creates jobs at a time when we need them the most. I encourage the Republicans to join with those of us who want to move forward on this piece of legislation. Democrats will do our jobs—using this great legislative body to legislate—and make life better for struggling Americans. I encourage my Republican colleagues to do the same.

The travel promotion bill is critical for our economy. Tourism and travel generate \$1 trillion in economic activity every year—\$1 trillion. In its first year, this bill will create 40,000 new jobs.

There isn't a State in the Union that doesn't depend on tourism. I can remember the first time I went to a place where we had a Democratic retreat in Virginia. I walked out of my room and I saw this huge body of water and I thought: Gee, I didn't know we were on the ocean. It was just a huge—must have been a mile at least to the other side of that body of water. It was the James River. It was a river.

The reason I mention that is I have had the good fortune of traveling around Virginia. It is a wonderful place to visit. There are all kinds of tourist attractions in Virginia. But every State is about the same. Every State has its unique possibilities and places to go. I have been to virtually every State in the Union. There are so many wonderful places. I know Virginia better because for quite a long time my non-Nevada home was in Virginia and

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