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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PRAYER

The Assistant Chaplain, Dr. Alan Keiran, offered the following prayer:

God of justice and righteousness, teach our lawmakers to mobilize our national might for Your glory. May their labors bring deliverance to captives, sight to the ethically and morally blind, and comfort to those who are bruised by life's thorns. Give them a spiritual vitality that will enable their faith to survive life's trials and tribulations. In deep humility of spirit, may they seek to know Your will and demonstrate the courage to choose Your way and purpose. When the choice is between honor and self-interest, may they never hesitate to do right.

O God, we pause this day to remember all the victims of 9/11, their families and the firefighters and police officers whose lives were sacrificed in heroic efforts to rescue those in need. Bless our Nation with renewed commitment to face today's challenges with tenacity and vigilance.

We pray in Your powerful 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, September 11, 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.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a moment of silence. (Moment of Silence.)

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business. It is my understanding that the distinguished Republican whip wishes to have control of the first half hour and that the second half hour would be controlled by the Democrats.

Following that morning business, which will last for 1 hour, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3288, the Transportation and HUD appropriations bill. As previously announced, there will be no rollcall votes during today's session of the Senate.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to a period of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The Senator from Arizona is recognized.

PROGRESS MADE SINCE 9/11

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, following this moment of silence, I think all of us on this morning are reflecting on where we were and what we were doing on the morning of September 11, 2001. In this body, we are reflecting on the things that occurred thereafter that enabled us to respond to that heinous terrorist attack.

I wanted to read some comments I wrote for the Arizona Republic that were printed this morning:

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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