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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 2 p.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we praise You for Your act of love that comes to us as gifts each day. Thank You for life and health, for strength and wisdom, for hope and joy. Thank You for our lawmakers who work each day to keep us living in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Bless our Senators as they work, providing them with wisdom and courage for the living of these days. May Your everlasting grace and compassion encompass them as You empower them to be faithful in their tasks this and every day. We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TOM UDALL 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. INOUE).

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 4, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico 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, if any, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to concur with respect to the House message on H.R. 1586, with an amendment dealing with FMAP and teacher funding.

There will be an hour of debate, equally divided, with Senator MURRAY controlling the majority time.

Upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate will proceed to a roll-call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur. That should occur at around 10:30, 10:45.

MEASURES PLACED ON CALENDAR—H.R. 3534 AND S.J. RES. 38

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand there are two items at the desk due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is correct.

The clerk will state the titles of the bills for a second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3534) to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 38) proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object to any further proceedings with respect to these two bills.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar under rule XIV.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, would the Chair announce the business for the day.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

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