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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, at 10:30 a.m.

Senate

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ROLAND W. BURRIS, a Senator from the State of Illinois.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, how majestic is Your Name in all the Earth. Thank You for the gift of this moment in time. Today, give our lawmakers an appreciation for Your gracious providence. Remind them that they need not fear the future when they remember the way You have led us in the past.

You brought our forebears to these shores and sustained them through bitter adversity. This great land was not produced by our might, wisdom, and ingenuity but by Your sovereign will. Lord, keep us from trying to navigate into the future without Your presence and power. Quicken the minds of our Senators to seek Your wisdom and to obey Your commands.

We pray in Your powerful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable ROLAND W. BURRIS 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 27, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROLAND W. BURRIS, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BURRIS 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 any leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business until 3 p.m. today. Senators, during that period of time, will be allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each. At 3, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the Creating American Jobs and Ending Offshoring Act.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

I ask unanimous consent that at 4 p.m., until 11 p.m. today, the Senate begin 30 minute alternating blocks of debate on the motion to proceed to S. 3816, with the majority controlling the first 30 minutes, which will begin at 3 p.m. today.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I announced last week that we would have a live quorum at about 7 p.m. this evening. I am hopeful that will be the last one we will need, but we will see how the debate proceeds.

CREATING JOBS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the most important part of our jobs as Senators is to create jobs in our States. That is especially true in times such as these, when so many are reeling from so much economic pain.

Right now, as I speak, the President is signing into law our small business jobs bill. As soon as he does, \$15 billion in tax relief and hundreds of millions of dollars in loans will be on the way to America's small businesses, which we all know are the engines of our economy, engines that will power recovery.

Every penny of that help is paid for, and it will not add a single dime to the deficit. I spoke to the Administrator of the Small Business Administration on Thursday or Friday—I don't know the exact day. She indicated to me that there were 1,000 applications for small business loans that will be completed within hours of signing that bill. The resources have simply not been there for her to do the work that is necessary. One thousand small businesses will be able to go forward on programs they have, programs dealing with retail sales, wholesaling. There will be businesses that will be exporters, importers, and any variation of small

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