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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 2 p.m.

Senate

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009

The Senate met at 10 a.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.

Eternal God, we are grateful for Your mercies renewed every morning and for Your faithfulness every night. As the dew refreshes the Earth morning by morning, let Your spirit restore the faith and energy of our lawmakers. Give them the discernment to understand the challenges of our times and the wisdom to devise ways to meet them. Lord, keep them open and alert to Your providential leading, as You guide them to a destination that will bring glory to Your Name. May the collective talents of our Senators be mobilized in the awesome task of building a better Nation and world. Make their hands ready to lift burdens and their hearts eager to respond in service to humanity.

We pray in Your great 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. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 4, 2009.

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.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
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 leader remarks, we will resume consideration of the Agriculture appropriations bill, with the time until 10:30 equally divided and controlled between the two managers or their designees. At 10:30, the Senate will proceed to a series of two rollcall votes in relation to the pending McCain amendments. Following the votes, the Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus luncheons. The time will be expanded a little bit today because the Democrats are going to the White House for the caucus today, rather than here in the Mansfield

Room. As a reminder to all Senators, the filing deadline for second-degree amendments is 10:15 this morning. We have every belief we can complete the Agriculture appropriations bill today. I hope so because as soon as we finish that we are going to move to the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 3435

Mr. REID. Mr. President, H.R. 3435 is at the desk. It is my understanding it is due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3435) making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for the Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Program.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that any further proceedings in this matter not proceed. I object.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The bill will be placed on the calendar.

SOTOMAYOR NOMINATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, a long 10 weeks ago, President Obama made history when he nominated the Nation's first Hispanic to be a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, and only the third woman. This week, the Senate will make history when we confirm her.

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