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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 1996, at 11 a.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1996

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN W. WARNER, a Senator from the State of Virginia.

PRAYER

The Honorable JOHN W. WARNER, a Senator from the State of Virginia, offered the following prayer:

In the absence of the Chaplain, it is my privilege to read the opening prayer.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me into the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table in front of my enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.—Psalm 23.

We close by thanking the Lord for guiding us through this most unusual weather storm, for those families who are suffering as a consequence, and for our troops and others beyond our shores serving in the cause of freedom, especially those in Bosnia. Amen.

APPOINTMENT OF THE ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 8, 1996.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
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 distinguished majority leader of the Senate is recognized.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I thank the staff. I know it was not easy to come here. We are not going to be here but a minute or two, but I thank all the members of our family here, and I appreciate very much their presence.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1996

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until the hour of 12 noon on Wednesday, January 10, 1996; that following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period for morning business until 12:30, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOLE. I just say for the information of all Senators, we would not expect any rollcall votes on Wednesday. I am not certain what the status of the House will be by Wednesday. They may be in recess subject to the call of the Chair. So it would be my thought that probably on Wednesday there would be very little, if any, business.

BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, we started our negotiations with the White House about 40 minutes ago. I will return to the White House. Again, I think everybody is acting in good faith. We have not reached any agreement. We may not; we may. I do not think anybody knows at this point. But I think as long as there is the spirit of cooperation and credible negotiation, the Speaker and I, and the majority leader in the House, Congressman ARMEY, feel that we should continue negotiating with the President. So we will be doing that for the rest of the afternoon.

(Mr. JEFFORDS assumed the chair.)

Mr. WARNER addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia is recognized.

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