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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 17, 1997, at 2 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1997

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Wait for the Lord, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait I say, on the Lord.—Psalm 27:14.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, in this world of instant everything, fast foods, and shallow relationships, there are times we become very impatient when anything or anyone causes us to wait. We hate long lines, delayed flights, and tardy friends. Sometimes we get stressed out with exasperation. Then we worry about burnout. Neither the pout nor the shout seems to get things moving the way we want and when we want them.

Father, we confess that waiting is not easy for us. Often we turn to false hopes for quick, easy answers. Graciously You wait for us to realize that nothing or no one can be a source of lasting hope except You. It dawns on us that what we thought were waiting times are really times during which You wait for us to want You and Your guidance above all else.

Now in the quiet of this moment, we need to experience a hush instead of a rush. Your timing is perfect. Help us to realize that there are no unanswered prayers. A delay is not a denial if it brings us closer to You in deeper trust. Now an inner glow comes from living in the flow of Your peace. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able chairman of the Judiciary Committee is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, today the Senate will begin consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 22, the independent counsel resolution. The majority leader has announced that no rollcall votes will occur today or during Monday's session of the Senate.

For the information of all Members, the next rollcall vote will be at approximately 2:45 on Tuesday, March 18. That rollcall vote will be on passage of Senate Joint Resolution 18, the Hollings resolution on a constitutional amendment on campaign expenditures.

With respect to the order reached last night relative to the independent counsel resolution, no amendments will be in order during today's session to Senate Joint Resolution 22. Amendments may be offered to the independent counsel resolution beginning at 3 p.m. on Monday. Senator LOTT has indicated that it is his hope he and the Democratic leader can reach an agreement as to when the Senate will complete action on Senate Joint Resolution 22.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

Mr. BAUCUS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. COLLINS). The distinguished Senator from Montana is recognized.

Mr. HATCH. Will the Senator tell me how much time he will take, approximately?

Mr. BAUCUS. Seven minutes.

(The remarks of Mr. BAUCUS pertaining to the introduction of S. 443 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF ILLEGAL FUNDRAISING

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 22, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 22) to express the sense of the Congress concerning the application by the Attorney General for the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate allegations of illegal fundraising in the 1996 Presidential election campaign.

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah is recognized.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I rise today to speak on Senate Joint Resolution 22 which expresses the sense of the Congress that the Attorney General should apply for the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate allegations of illegal fundraising in the 1996 Presidential election campaign.

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