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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1997

The Senate met at 9 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:

Almighty God, Sovereign of this Nation, Lord of our lives and Author of the liberties we enjoy as citizens, may this Fourth of July week of recess be a time of renewal of our commitment to you as leaders of our Nation. May Independence Day really be a dependence day for us and our fellow Americans as we express our total dependence on You. We want our observance to be more than picnics, firecrackers, and parades. As we celebrate the birth of our Nation, we want to reaffirm the vision for America you planted in our Founding Fathers and Mothers, as well as the unique role You have given this Nation as a demonstration of democracy.

When we say the words, "One Nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, may it be a fresh dedication to work for righteousness and justice in every aspect of society. We confess what contradicts our declaration of dependence on You. We reflect on our secularized society that gives little thought to You. Our motto is "In God We Trust" and yet, our trust often is placed in materialism and scientific humanism. We repent and ask Your forgiveness.

Dear God, You have answered the prayers of Your people in the crises of our history. Today, we pray for a spiritual awakening to spread across the land. We know that only what has happened to us can happen through us. So

begin the awakening here in the Senate, in each Senator and in all of us who work with them. In the name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, the distinguished Senator from Delaware, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, this morning the Senate will resume consideration of S. 949, the Tax Relief Act of 1997, and begin another lengthy series of rollcall votes. As previously ordered, the series of stacked rollcall votes will begin on or in relation to the Nickles amendment, followed by the Gramm amendment and the Kerry amendment. Following the disposition of the aforementioned stacked votes, the Senate will proceed to a vote on a number of process amendments under the control of Senator DOMENICI. After those amendments have been disposed of, Senators will have the right to offer an amendment to the bill, with 2 minutes of debate equally divided on the proposed amendment.

However, it is hoped, and I would like to emphasize, that Members will refrain from offering amendments so that the Senate may complete action on this bill at a reasonable time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMAS). The Senator from New York.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Can I simply endorse my revered chairman's judgment? We have had a good debate. We have a good bill, a bipartisan bill. The prospects of any serious change are not large. The prospect of any serious attention to new proposals are not great—not today. The Senate is a continuing body and we will continue to discuss matters, but today is the time for closing out this legislation so we can go to conference and send a bill to the President.

Mr. ROTH. What is the order of business?

Mr. KENNEDY. Will the Senator yield for a question?

Mr. ROTH. I yield.

Mr. KENNEDY. After the process amendment, there may be an amendment offered on the Republican side. We are prepared to move ahead to get on the list; would that be agreeable? Can I ask consent, after the sequencing, there may be an amendment on the Republican side and we could have consideration?

Mr. ROTH. I say to the distinguished Senator from Massachusetts, we have you on the list for three separate amendments.

Mr. KENNEDY. Just one amendment.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. That is the spirit.

Mr. ROTH. I say to the distinguished Senator and to my colleague, Senator MOYNIHAN, that we have a list of both Republican and Democrat amendments. They are set in a particular order. We do intend to go from one side to the other side.

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