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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

MONDAY, JULY 7, 1997

The Senate met at 12 noon, 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, as we return from a week of recess celebrating the 221st birthday of our Nation, we praise You for Your providential care all through our history. Now, with renewed patriotism and dedication, we confront the demanding schedule of the month ahead. Bless the Senators, and all of us who work with them, with the humble trust in You that opens the floodgates of Your power. This is a time of our history that demands greatness. We thank You for the wisdom, vision, and creativity You give to leaders who acknowledge their dependence on You and seek Your guidance and direction. There's no limit to what You can do through leaders who give You the glory. Here are our challenges, reveal Your solutions for them; here are our minds, think through them; here are our hearts, express Your love and care through them; here are our voices, speak through them. We commit our lives and leadership to You. Shape the next phase of Your strategy for our Nation through the men and women of this Senate. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

Mr. HAGEL. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, today the Senate will resume consideration of S. 936, the Department of Defense Authorization Act. As previously announced, there will be no rollcall votes during today's session of the Senate. Any votes ordered today with respect to amendments to the DOD bill will be set aside to occur at a time to be determined later. Under the consent agreement, there will be a cloture vote on the DOD bill at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday afternoon. As a reminder, all first-degree amendments to the bill must be filed by 1 p.m. this afternoon. It is the hope of the majority leader that we will make significant progress on the bill today so that we can complete action on the defense bill this week.

Beginning next week, the Senate will begin consideration of the available appropriations bills. Senators should be prepared for a busy legislative period between now and the August recess as we consider these appropriations bills as well as the conference reports to accompany the Balanced Budget Act and the Taxpayers Fairness Act. There is much work to do in the next 4 weeks, and the majority leader thanks all Members in advance for their cooperation.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGEL). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DORGAN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Dakota.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, let me inquire of the chairman of the committee, my understanding is that the Senate is technically on the defense authorization bill now, and that there is also anticipated time for morning business during the day. If not inappropriate, I will proceed to discuss a couple of items in morning business. But I do not want to do that at any time today that would interrupt the consideration of the bill. I will do it at the pleasure of the Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, we are awaiting Senator LEVIN to come. I suggest that the Senator go ahead if he desires to do so.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Dakota.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I appreciate very much the courtesy of the Senator from South Carolina, Senator THURMOND.

Mr. THURMOND. Since the bill is up for consideration, I think we have to return to the morning hour and then the Senator can speak in morning business. I ask unanimous consent that we do so.

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