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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 1997, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1997

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

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Bishop Phillip H. Porter, of All Nation Pentecostal Center Church of God in Christ, Aurora, CO, offered the following prayer:

Lord God of all grace, mercy and providence, lest we fail of the privilege, responsibility, and favor You have bestowed upon us, we beseech You early. You who are before all things also know the call and cause of this day, its duties and deliberations. We therefore present ourselves before Your throne that You may so anoint us, that we servants of the power granted only by You may be filled with Your spirit, even to the overflowing for the good of Your people, our fellow citizens.

Out of Your wholeness our Father, I ask that same attention for the soul, body, and spirit of these men and women of this great Senate. Our wholeness emanates from You. For their spouses, children, grandchildren, and constituents, we extend these blessings.

And because of the extraordinary gathering of holy men who will be here present, this Saturday coming, by the divine hand of Your dear Son and according to Proverbs 11:11, "By the blessings of the upright the city is exalted," we cast the enemy from the mind and yield to Your holy spirit's presence and power. Be glorified in us, O God, our Father.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

GUEST CHAPLAIN BISHOP PHILLIP H. PORTER

Mr. ALLARD. First of all, Mr. President, I want to thank the guest Chaplain this morning for being with us here in the U.S. Senate and leading off the session in prayer.

It is a particular honor for me to be here since I am from the State of Colorado and he is also from the State of Colorado. It is a good thing he is here. It is a good thing that he is chairman of the board of Promise Keepers. It is a good thing he is becoming a leader in this country in talking about those things that are so very important, I think, to this country. It is a good thing he is talking about civility. It is a good thing he is talking about kindness. It is a good thing that he is talking about the integrity and how important integrity is to this country. It is a good thing that he is talking about the freedoms and what this country is all about. I particularly feel it is a good thing he is putting out so much effort to reconcile men through discipleship in the Lord.

I just wanted to take a few moments this morning to recognize him for his effort on behalf of all of us. I just want to wish the very best this week with Promise Keepers.

SCHEDULE

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business. Therefore, no rollcall votes will occur during today's session.

As previously announced, there will be no rollcall votes on Monday. It is expected that the Senate will resume consideration of Senate bill 25, the campaign finance reform bill on Monday. In addition, the Senate will resume consideration of the D.C. appropriations bill early next week. It is hoped we can complete work on that legislation and any appropriations conference reports as they become available.

Subsequently, Members' cooperation in the scheduling of floor action next week will be greatly appreciated. Senators are reminded that the next possibility of a rollcall vote will be on Tuesday morning.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Nebraska.

Mr. HAGEL. I ask unanimous consent I be permitted to speak for up to 30 minutes in morning business.

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

BISHOP PHILLIP H. PORTER

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I, too, want to add a welcome for the distinguished bishop from Colorado. My friend and colleague, Senator ALLARD, said it very well; we are much enriched because of the bishop's leadership and his presence this morning.

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