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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 1997, at 10:30 a.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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.

Gracious God, thank You for this moment of prayer in which we can affirm Your call to seek unity in the midst of differences in parties and politics. So often we focus on what separates us rather than the bond of unity that binds us together. We are one in our calling to serve You and our Nation and in the belief that You are the ultimate and only Sovereign. You are the magnetic and majestic Lord of all who draws us out of pride and self-serving attitudes to work together for You. We find each other as we join our hearts in gratitude for the privilege of leading our Nation. Keep us so close to You and so open to one another that we will have a week of great progress. Help us to work expeditiously and with excellence for Your glory and our Nation's good. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

### SCHEDULE

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, to outline to-

day's activities, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 2:45 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

At 2:45, the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Charles Rossotti to be Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service. Under a previous order, there will be 3 hours of debate on that nomination, with a vote occurring at the expiration of that time. Therefore, Members can anticipate the first rollcall vote at approximately 5:45 p.m.

The Senate may also consider and complete action on any or all of the following items: D.C. appropriations bill, FDA reform conference report, the intelligence authorization conference report, and any additional legislative or executive items that can be cleared for action. Therefore, there may be additional votes following the 5:45 p.m. vote.

As a reminder to all Members, on Friday, cloture was filed on both H.R. 2646, the A-plus education savings account bill, and the motion to proceed to S. 1269, the fast-track legislation. Those cloture votes will occur on Tuesday morning at a time to be announced later today. Therefore, all first-degree amendments to H.R. 2646 must be filed by 1 p.m. today. Needless to say, all Senators should expect rollcall votes during every day of the session this week as we attempt to complete action on the very important issues before the Senate.

Mr. President, I see no other Senators on the floor, so 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. GRAMS assumed the chair.)

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

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

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I may take just a few minutes longer than 10. I ask unanimous consent that I may be recognized for such time as I may require.

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

Mr. BYRD. I thank the Chair.

### FAIRY TALES OF FAST TRACK: THE MYTH OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS PARALYSIS

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I wish to speak this morning on the subject: the "fairy tales of fast track: the myth of trade negotiations paralysis."

It has been said that if one wants a lie to stick, just keep repeating it, keep shouting it, until it just seems to become a reality. On the matter of fast-track procedures for congressional handling of trade agreements, we have a whopper being shouted from the housetops in congressional testimony and on the op-ed pages of our leading newspapers by people who surely ought to know better. An example of what I am talking about appears in the Washington Post today, authored by our esteemed former colleague and former Senate Republican leader, Mr. Bob Dole, who engages in vacuous, vapid

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