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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 2002, at 9:30 a.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2002

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK DAYTON, a Senator from the State of Minnesota.

PRAYER

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

Gracious God, You have endowed us with a thinking brain so we could think Your thoughts after You. That is awesome, Father. You are omniscient; You know everything. You also know what is best for our future as a Nation and our continuing battle with terrorism. This is Your Nation; we are Your people; we are a Nation under Your sovereignty. In response, we make Proverbs 16:3 the motto for this day, "Commit Your works to the Lord and Your thoughts will be established." Throughout this day, we intentionally will submit the work of this Senate to You and seek Your guidance for the resolution on war with Iraq. We claim Your promise for clarified direction in keeping with Your will. We say with the psalmist:

I commit my way to the Lord and trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass . . . I rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him—(Psalm 37:5,7).

Speak to our minds; we are listening. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK DAYTON led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 4, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK DAYTON, a Senator from the State of Minnesota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. DAYTON thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

AUTHORIZATION OF THE USE OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AGAINST IRAQ—MOTION TO PROCEED

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S.J. Res. 45, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 45) to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the

time until 11:30 a.m. shall be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

Who yields time?

The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise in support of S.J. Res. 46 to authorize the use of U.S. Armed Forces against Saddam Hussein's Regime in Iraq.

This bipartisan resolution would enable the President to take necessary action in order to defend our Nation and our people against Iraq and any other threatening terrorist nation or organization.

I believe it will pass Congress by broad bipartisan support and send a signal to the world that America stands united behind our President.

This vote will be one of the most important—if not the most important—that I or any of my colleagues will ever take in Congress.

Nothing is more sobering or serious than voting to send troops into battle and committing our Nation to war.

As the President said the other day, war is not our first choice. In fact, it is our last choice.

Having this debate and making this vote is something that none of us wants but in the end, I am afraid that we have no other choice.

The case against Saddam Hussein is clear. We can no longer tolerate him and the threat that he poses not only to us, but to his neighbors, the Middle East and the entire world.

To do anything else would be to repeat the mistakes of the past and to bury our heads in the sand.

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