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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 2003, at 2 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2003

The Senate met at 8:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. STEVENS].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Once again, today's prayer will be offered by the guest Chaplain, Father Charles V. Antonicelli of St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Capitol Hill.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we bow before Your majesty this day. You are God: we praise You; You are the Lord: we acclaim You; You are the eternal Father: all creation worships You.

We give You thanks, Lord, for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us and our families. Continue to guide us in the ways of Your justice and peace. Help us to be compassionate and caring to others, especially those most neglected, those most forgotten.

Bless the men and women of this Senate in their deliberations today, Lord. Be their constant guide and protection, so that they may shine forth Your glory to Your people.

We ask this in Your holy Name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. May I ask the distinguished chairman of the Finance Committee, Senator GRASSLEY, to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable CHARLES E. GRASSLEY, a Senator from the State of Iowa, 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Iowa is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I have the opening script that the majority leader would usually give. I will do it in his stead.

The Senate will begin debate in relation to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2, the jobs and economic growth bill. Under the previous order, the Senate will vote on the adoption of the conference report at 9:30 a.m.

Following the disposition of the conference report, the Senate will consider H.J. 51, the debt limit extension legislation. Amendments to the measure are expected throughout the day. Therefore, rollcall votes will occur into the afternoon. If Members show restraint in the number of amendments offered, the Senate could complete action on this necessary measure early in the afternoon.

Following completion of the debt limit extension, the Senate will take up the unemployment insurance extension.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

JOBS AND GROWTH TAX RELIEF RECONCILIATION ACT, 2003—CONFERENCE REPORT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2), to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004, having met, have agreed that the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, signed by a majority of the conferees on the part of both Houses.

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

(The conference report is printed in the RECORD of May 22, 2003)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there is 1 hour of debate.

The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the only thing I want to say is that there is a limited amount of time. If people are not here to use their time, they just don't get that time. The two managers are here. As I indicated late last night, the order was entered for a certain amount of time for individual Senators. If they are not here, they will not be able to use that time later on today.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

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