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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2003

The Senate met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we stand in awe of You. Your love is constant and Your mercies are new every morning. Thank You for listening when we call and for destroying the record of our faults and failures. Lord, forgive us when we shackle ourselves with pride. Save our Nation from sin, which brings reproach, decline, and destruction. Cover our transgressions with Your righteousness which brings exaltation and salvation. Let not evil overcome us, but may we overcome evil with good.

Bless our Senators today with a constant awareness of Your presence. Let kindness guide their speech and integrity shape their decisions. Keep their feet on the right path and be a shield for all who fight for freedom. In Your wonderful name we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore 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 MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today the Senate will begin consideration of the conference report to accompany the Iraq and Afghanistan supplemental bill. The order that was entered into on Thursday provided for the time until 5 p.m. today to be equally divided for debate. That conference report will be agreed to at 5. However, no rollcall vote will be necessary.

Also under a previous consent agreement, the Senate will then debate the Interior appropriations conference report. There will be up to an hour of debate on that conference report prior to the vote. Senators should, therefore, expect a rollcall vote to occur sometime between 5:30 and 6 today.

We were also able to reach an agreement for consideration of the fair credit reporting bill. The chairman and ranking member of the Banking Committee have been working through the amendment list in an effort to facilitate its passage. I would anticipate beginning that bill either this evening or first thing tomorrow morning so we can finish the fair credit legislation early this week.

Last week I also mentioned the expiration of the Internet tax moratorium. I had hoped to address an extension of that moratorium prior to that deadline. However, several Senators expressed their reservation about an agreement for that bill. At the close of last week, we were able to reach a consent agreement to proceed to the bill, most likely on Thursday of this week. We will also continue with the appropriations process as the conference reports become available.

Nominations remain a focus of the Senate's attention. We will continue to work toward the scheduling of those nominations on the executive calendar. Another continuing resolution will be necessary by the close of business this week. Even with a short-term extension of the continuing resolution, we will still push to complete the remaining items at the earliest time this year.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. DOLE). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE AND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, 2004—CONFERENCE REPORT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3289, which the clerk will report.

The assistant 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. 3289) making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes, 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, and the Senate

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