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9 a.m., Thursday, September 23

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Program for Thursday: After the transaction of morning business (not to extend beyond 30 minutes), Senate hopes to begin consideration of the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2005 and the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification and Equity Act.

(At approximately 9:30 a.m., Senators will meet in the Senate Chamber to proceed to the House of Representatives for a Joint Meeting of Congress, to begin at 10 a.m., to receive an address from His Excellency Ayad Allawi, Prime Minister of the Interim Government of the Republic of Iraq.)

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