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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at 2 p.m.

Senate

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Senate met at 2 p.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.

Almighty God, creator and sustainer of the universe, take the misshapen clay of our lives and remake us into vessels fit for Your use. Remind us that we may make plans, but You have the final word.

Help us to remember that even when we think we are right, You judge our motives. Give us the wisdom to share our plans with You so that You will order our steps.

Today, bless all who labor in the legislative branch of Government. Deliver us from pride and help us to avoid evil paths. Remind us that our No. 1 priority should be to please You. Empower each Senator to embrace honesty and truth as he or she seeks to keep America strong. We pray this in Your holy Name.

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.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

NOMINATION OF JANICE ROGERS BROWN TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of Calendar No. 72, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Janice Rogers Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I have just a few announcements and then I will have a short statement. We will have a full day of debate today on the nomination of Janice Rogers Brown. To allow for an orderly debate, I now ask unanimous consent that following the remarks of myself and the Democratic leader, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee be recognized to speak. Further, I ask that the time from 3 to 4 be under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee, and the time from 4 to 5 be under the control of the majority leader or his designee. I further ask that the time from 5 to 5:30 be under the control of the other side of the aisle, and the time from 5:30 to 6 be under the control of the majority.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, as a reminder to our colleagues, the cloture vote on the Brown nomination is scheduled for noon tomorrow. I hope and expect that cloture will be invoked at that time and that we will be able to move quickly to an up-or-down vote on her nomination. The Democratic leader and I will be talking shortly this afternoon and will make more specific plans in terms of voting times and give some idea of how quickly we can move with other nominations.

We do have another cloture vote on the Pryor nomination, which would immediately follow the up-or-down vote on Janice Rogers Brown.

In addition to those judicial nominations, we have agreements to debate and vote on of two Sixth Circuit judicial nominations, as well as one DC Circuit Court nominee. This week, we may also reconsider the vote with respect to the Bolton nomination. As you can tell, we have a very busy week as we return from recess. I thank our colleagues in advance as we move through these issues.

Mr. President, I will have a brief opening statement as well, but I now yield to the Democratic leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I thank the majority leader. We do have our week cut out for us. I think the Republican leader and I will get together later today to try to make a decision as to what we are going to do later. If we get through this block of judges that the leader talked about, we should be in pretty good shape to move on to other things and take the judges on a more regular basis, not eating up so much

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