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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, at 12:30 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

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.

Our Father, we thank You for Your presence in our midst. We thank You that You are a God who wants friendship with us. Forgive us for so often running away from You, for spurning Your kindness, for turning against the very love that gives us life.

Today, inspire the Members of this body. Give them the vision of a warless world, one in which Isaiah and Micah foresaw three millennia ago.

Help our lawmakers use their power to hasten the day when nations shall not lift up swords against nations, nor shall they learn war anymore. Let not hate or fear desolate this beautiful, blood-sustained Earth forever; rather, let the Earth increase its knowledge of You as the waters cover the sea.

We pray in Your sovereign 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, the leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, we are back this afternoon to return to the consideration of the United States-Oman trade agreement. Last week, we reached an agreement for debate on this past Friday and today, with the vote occurring tomorrow. On Tuesday, there will be 30 minutes for closing remarks prior to vote on passage. We expect the vote to occur prior to the Tuesday policy meetings.

Also on Tuesday, following the policy luncheons, the Senate will proceed to executive session for the consideration of the nomination of Alice Fisher to be an Assistant Attorney General. There will be 5½ hours set aside for the debate on this nomination, although we don't anticipate that all of that time will be necessary.

There are other legislative and executive items we will schedule this week in addition to those I just mentioned. We are consulting with a number of colleagues as we schedule these matters, and I will have more to say after those conversations are concluded.

### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 4954

AMENDMENT NO. 4997, AS FURTHER MODIFIED

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding passage of H.R. 4954, the Menendez amendment No. 4997 be modified with the changes at the desk.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4997), as further modified, is as follows:

On page 18, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

(b) RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Under the direction of the Commandant of the Coast Guard, each Area Maritime Security Committee shall develop a Port Wide Risk Management Plan that includes—

(A) security goals and objectives, supported by a risk assessment and an evaluation of alternatives;

(B) a management selection process; and

(C) active monitoring to measure effectiveness.

(2) RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL.—The Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall make available, and Area Maritime Security Committees shall use, a risk assessment tool that uses standardized risk criteria, such as the Maritime Security Risk Assessment Tool used by the Coast Guard, to develop the Port Wide Risk Management Plan.

On page 19, line 16, strike "and".

On page 19, line 18, strike the period at the end and insert "; and".

On page 19, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

"(3) is consistent with the Port Wide Risk Management Plan developed under section 111(b) of the Port Security Improvement Act of 2006.

On page 19, strike line 24 and insert the following:

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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