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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2011, at 2 p.m.

Senate

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's opening prayer will be offered by Rev. Dr. Robert K. Schomp, transitional pastor of Bethany Christian Church in Tulsa, OK.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

God of many names and faiths, we praise You for the freedom of religious expression which allows us to worship You in the temples, mosques, synagogues, and churches of our Nation. To You belong all realms, all power, and all glory. Yet in this Nation of immigrants, the United States of America, You have given us the freedom to establish our own government in order to defend and oversee the rights and welfare of our citizens.

Today, we pray for this august body, the U.S. Senate, whom we the people have chosen to share in the leadership of our country. We pray for Your assistance for these privileged women and men. Bless them with the stamina, the toughness, and the integrity to fight for what is right and honorable in Your sight. Instill in them the desire for unity within diversity, the will to overcome racism and bigotry, the courage to break down dividing walls of hostility, the ability to hear and respect the voices of those who disagree with them, and the determination to work with each other for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TOM UDALL 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.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 19, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

WELCOMING THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I see our esteemed Chaplain in the Chamber. We

appreciate very much, every day, his prayer and the prayer this morning by our guest Chaplain, which was a very nice prayer, very thoughtful, and outlines what our country is all about. I appreciate that very much.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following any leader remarks, the Senate will be in morning business until 11 a.m., with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final half. At 11 a.m., the Senate will be in executive session to consider the nomination of Goodwin Liu to be a U.S. circuit judge for the Ninth Circuit, with the time until 2 p.m. equally divided and controlled. At about 2 p.m., there will be a rollcall vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Liu nomination.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1022

Mr. REID. Mr. President, S. 1022 is at the desk and is due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1022) to extend expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention

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