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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, God of power and love, the snow-covered Earth reminds us of Your majesty and might, and we thank You for Your sustaining power. Because of You, we live and move and breathe and have our being. Forgive us when we fail to hear You whisper in nature's declarations as the heavens speak of Your glory and the skies show forth Your handiwork. Lord, continue to order the steps of our lawmakers so that their thoughts, words and actions will be acceptable to You. Give them such wisdom that Your will may be done on Earth even as it is done in Heaven. Infuse us all with a positive spirit as we face the challenges of this day and the week ahead. We pray in Your loving Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK R. WARNER 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. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 8, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

MODIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE CALENDAR ORDERS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this has been a historic storm. I was in Nevada. I left Friday morning, early, and had a beautiful weekend there—highs in the low 60s. But getting back here was another story. It was very, very difficult, and though I am here, a lot of Senators simply have not been able to get here.

Staff is also under great duress to get here. The subway—the Metro, as we call it—which is so important to people who live and work here, is basically only an underground transit vehicle now. Anything above the ground is not working. So if you live right in DC, you

might be all right, but if you are either in Maryland or Virginia, you can't get here if you have to depend on the subway.

As a result of that, we have had to change things. Even those who get here have extreme difficulty in driving. The police and authorities are still recommending that people not go on the roads. They are dangerous and difficult, and some, especially if you get off the main drag, are impassable. As a result of that, Mr. President, we are going to have to change things around here. And as you know, all the reports are that there is a 90 percent chance we are going to have another big storm tomorrow.

Having said that, Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the orders with respect to Calendar Nos. 468 and 688 be modified to provide that the orders be delayed to occur at 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 9, under the same conditions and limitations as provided under the original order of February 4, 2010.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution, which had previously been signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 730. An act to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, and for other purposes.

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S507

H.J. Res. 45, a joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE—
EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

RECESS UNTIL 2 P.M. TOMORROW

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1589

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1589, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the incentives for the production of biodiesel.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, after any leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session as provided for under the modified order of February 4.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess until 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 9.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:05 p.m., recessed until Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 2 p.m.