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Senate

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The Senate met at 10:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Neal T. Jones, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, VA, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, help us to discover an everlasting joy to replace our perennial search for happiness. We are weary of hunting for momentary happiness. We are tired of recreation that does not recreate. We are tired of smiling with a lump in our throat. We are exhausted by moments of leisure when we cannot shed our pain.

We praise You that we have located the Master, our joyful Person. For the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross. We ask for the power to pursue the joy of purpose. Thank You that joy can come in our pain because our purpose is great. Restore unto us the joy of living with Your help.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 244, the Paperwork Reduction Act. Under the agreement four amendments remain in order to the bill.

We hope to finish the bill and handle all amendments prior to the policy luncheon. Any votes will be stacked to begin at 2:15 or later, depending on how much debate time remains. For the luncheons we will be in recess from 12:30 until 2:15.

After disposition of the Paperwork Reduction Act, we will begin consideration of H.R. 889, the supplemental appropriations bill.

So I advise my colleagues there could be votes throughout the afternoon and into the evening.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DEWINE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 244, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 244) to further the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act to have Federal agencies become more responsible and publicly accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from Michigan will offer an amendment on which there will be 10 minutes equally divided.

Mr. LEVIN. I thank the Chair.

AMENDMENT NO. 319

(Purpose: To provide for the elimination and modification of reports by Federal departments and agencies to the Congress, and for other purposes)

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], for himself and Mr. COHEN, proposes an amendment numbered 319.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The text of the amendment appears in today's RECORD under "Amendments Submitted.")

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to offer today in behalf of Senator COHEN and myself the Federal Reports Elimination and Modification Act of 1995 as an amendment to the pending bill.

Our amendment will eliminate over 200 outdated and unnecessary reporting requirements. These are reporting requirements which have been placed into the law over many, many years that are now useless. These are over 200 reports that are not needed or used by congressional committees. They require up to \$10 million of cost in their preparation. We have gone through each of the reports mandated by law. We have talked to each of the agencies. We have consulted with each of the congressional committees. This is the list of those reports which are totally dispensable which for the most part no one even uses anymore. But they just stay in the law, filed every year or every 6 months by agencies at great cost.

My subcommittee, the oversight subcommittee of governmental affairs, which Senator COHEN now chairs and which I am now the ranking member of, has gone through all of the reporting requirements. We have again made this assessment as to those reports. Each committee having proposed what their needs are, these reports are the ones that are no longer needed.

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