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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, You have wonderfully preserved and guided our Nation through the years and given us a position of leadership in the world. Now we ask You to bless the Senators and all who assist them in their high calling. Stir up our patriotism for our Nation and our passion for the work of Government. When we get weary, refresh us with new vision for the importance of our work. Give us a new burst of enthusiasm for our assignments by reminding us that we really report to You and are working for Your glory. Help us to remember that we are Your agents in shaping our society. Purge from us any vestige of selfish ambition or combative competition that would hinder teamwork. In a time of history when our Nation needs greater trust in You, we commit ourselves to be leaders who unashamedly live their faith and seek to keep our Nation deeply rooted in You, Your Commandments, and Your vision for us, through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. I thank the Chair.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. This morning there will be a period for morning business until 11 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the Department of Defense appropriations bill. We are attempting to

reach agreement to limit amendments on that bill. However, if we are unable to reach an agreement, there will be a cloture vote on the Defense bill during today's session.

There has been good cooperation on both sides of the aisle on trying to identify and limit the amendments. While we still have a lengthy list, it seems to be that we can cut them down to a reasonable number, and I would like for us to make every effort to complete this Department of Defense appropriations bill today.

Senators can expect rollcall votes throughout the day and evening in order to make progress and, again, to possibly complete action on the bill tonight.

I remind my colleagues that a number of appropriations bills now have become available for consideration. I think there are five pending counting the Defense appropriations bill. So we have a lot of work to do, and I hope to move forward on those the first part of next week. We need cooperation of all our Members in allowing us to consider and complete these bills in a timely manner. I call on our colleagues on both sides of the aisle to stick with germane amendments and try to limit them so that we can get this work done.

Also, in accordance with last night's agreement, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 1936, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, on Thursday of next week. That is July 25.

MEASURES PLACED ON CALENDAR—S. 1954 AND H.R. 3396

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk that are now due for their second reading, and I ask that they be read consecutively.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1954) to establish a uniform and more efficient Federal process for protecting property owners' rights guaranteed by the fifth amendment.

A bill (H.R. 3396) to define and protect the institution of marriage.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I object to further consideration of these matters at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bills will be placed on the calendar.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

The Senator from Arizona, [Mr. KYL], is recognized to speak for up to 10 minutes under the previous order.

Mr. KYL. I thank the Chair.

RELIGIOUS UPBRINGING OF CHILDREN

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, while the Supreme Court has issued decisions protecting the rights of parents to direct the religious upbringing of their children, the lower courts have narrowly interpreted these decisions to give them almost no value as precedent. As a result, public school officials have been permitted to abuse their authority and compel students—at the objection of their parents—to participate in activities violative of deeply held religious beliefs. This must be of concern at a time when we are all seeking ways to strengthen families and inculcate values in our children.

One case, which a respected Federal court judge brought to my attention,

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