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Senate

The Senate met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

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

Gracious Father, thank You that Your power is given in direct proportion to the pressures and perplexities we face. We are given great courage and confidence as we are reminded that You give more strength as our burdens increase, and You entrust us with more wisdom as problems test our endurance. We are cheered and comforted to know that You will never leave nor forsake us. Your love has no end, and Your patience has no breaking point.

Today we want to affirm what You have taught us: that You have called us to supernatural servanthood empowered by Your spiritual gifts of wisdom, knowledge, discernment, and vision. You lovingly press us beyond our dependence on erudition and experience alone. Thank You for giving us challenges that help to recover our humility and opportunities that force us to the knees of our hearts.

Help us, Lord, to move forward with our responsibilities by being attentive to You and obedient in following Your guidance. Give us that sure sense of Your presence and the sublime satisfaction of knowing and doing Your will. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today the Senate will resume consideration of S. 25, the pending campaign finance reform bill. As announced last week, there will be no rollcall votes during today's session. Senators who desire to speak with regard to the pending amendment or bill are encouraged to do so during today's session. We should be able to get 5 hours or so of debate in today if the Senators are willing to speak.

I also remind my colleagues that a cloture vote is scheduled on the pending amendment regarding paycheck protection at 2:15 tomorrow. Also, under the provisions of rule XXII, Members have until the hour of 1:30 today in order to file timely amendments to S. 25. In addition to the cloture vote on the pending amendment, a cloture vote may occur on Tuesday on the underlying campaign finance reform bill.

On Friday, a cloture motion was also filed on the Mack-Graham amendment on immigration to the D.C. appropriations bill. So it may be necessary to have a cloture vote during Tuesday's session on that also if an agreement is not reached. The Senators are working together. I have spoken with them and I am still hopeful that an agreement can be worked out.

There are some other pending amendments on the D.C. appropriations bill, but we think maybe we will be able to reach a conclusion on those if we can get the immigration amendment by Senator MACK worked out. Therefore, it is possible that we could complete action on the D.C. appropriations bill tomorrow.

This week, the Senate will also be considering other available appropriations conference reports. I talked to the chairman, Senator STEVENS, on Friday. We think maybe there could be as many as three that would be ready in the next couple of days that we can bring up for consideration. We intend, also, to begin consideration of the ISTEA transportation infrastructure legislation, and we hope to be able to go to that on Wednesday or Thursday and spend the remainder of the week, except for interruptions for votes on the conference reports, on that.

I believe we will be in session on Friday and will probably have votes up until around noon. But we will get more information on that as the day progresses.

I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KYL). Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT OF 1997

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 25, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 25) to reform the financing of Federal elections.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Lott amendment No. 1258, to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary.

Lott amendment No. 1259 (to amendment No. 1258), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott amendment No. 1260 (to amendment No. 1258), to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary.

Lott amendment No 1261, in the nature of a substitute.

Lott amendment No. 1262 (to amendment No. 1261), to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary.

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Rules and Administration with instructions to report back forthwith, with an amendment.

Lott amendment No. 1263 (to instructions of motion to recommit), to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary.

Lott amendment No. 1264 (to amendment No. 1263), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott amendment No. 1265 (to amendment No. 1264), to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary.

Mr. REID addressed the Chair.

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