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Senate

The Senate met at 9:29 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

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

Gracious God, without whom we can do nothing of lasting value, but with whom there is no limit to what we can accomplish, we ask You to infuse us with fresh strength and determination as we press toward the goal of finishing the work of this 105th Congress. Help us to do all we can, in every way we can, and as best we can to finish well. Inspire us to follow the cadence of Your drumbeat.

Bless the Senators in these crucial hours. Replace any weariness with the second wind of Your Spirit. Rejuvenate those whose vision is blurred by stress and deliver those who may be discouraged or disappointed. In the quiet of this moment, we return to You, recommit our lives to You, and receive Your revitalizing energy. We accept the psalmist's reorienting admonition, "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!"—Psalm 27:14. In the Name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, this morning there will be a period for morning business until 10 a.m. Following morning business, under a previous order, the Senate will proceed to two stacked rollcall votes. The first vote will be on adoption of the motion to

proceed to H.R. 10, the financial services reform bill, followed by a second vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 442, which is the Internet tax bill. Assuming cloture is invoked, the Senate will remain on the Internet tax bill with amendments being offered and debated throughout today's session.

In addition to the Internet tax bill, the Senate may consider the VA-HUD appropriations conference report under a 40-minute time agreement reached last night. The Senate may also consider other available conference reports or any legislative or executive items cleared for action.

The leader reminds all Members that there are only a few days left in which to consider remaining appropriations bills and other important legislation. Members are encouraged to plan their schedules accordingly to accommodate a very busy week, with votes beginning early each morning and extending late into the evenings.

I thank my colleagues for their attention, and I yield the floor.

Mr. HUTCHINSON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Arkansas is recognized.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DALE BUMPERS

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my retiring colleague from Arkansas, Senator DALE BUMPERS. Arkansas is a State with a small population, and it is a State where politicians of even opposing political parties and philosophies find their lives and careers intersecting and intertwining.

As a high school student, I followed DALE BUMPERS' meteoric rise from an unknown country lawyer from Charleston, AR, to the Governor of the State and a man who became known in Arkansas politics as the giant killer, de-

feating such luminaries of Arkansas politics as Win Rockefeller and J.W. Fulbright.

I worked for DALE's opponent in 1980, not because I was enamored by his opponent, but because I was upset with some of DALE's votes. That has always been the way with DALE BUMPERS; you either agreed with him passionately or you disagreed vehemently.

While DALE has always been as smooth as honey, he has never tried to varnish his views or dilute his positions to make them more palatable to the general public, whether it was the Panama Canal or the space station.

Mr. President, I mentioned that in Arkansas, political lives and careers intersect frequently. In 1986, my brother ASA, then a U.S. attorney and now serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, ran against Senator BUMPERS in his second reelection campaign.

I worked in ASA's campaign, and I encountered and experienced firsthand the high esteem in which the people of Arkansas hold DALE BUMPERS. After Senator BUMPERS won that race resoundingly, delivering a good old country thumping to the HUTCHINSONS, I returned to my service in the Arkansas legislature and ASA became the State GOP chairman. We continued to follow Senator BUMPERS' career from afar, occasionally bumping into him at events in the State.

In 1990, ASA ran for attorney general of Arkansas. It was a politically tough, mean, even nasty race. It was hard fought and a very close race. I remember one day as I was working in ASA's headquarters in Little Rock, DALE BUMPERS walked in off the street unannounced. He came by, he said, to wish us well and to say that he always respected us and thought well of us. I saw a side of DALE BUMPERS that those who know him well see all the time. He knows well that there is life beyond the political arena and that politicians are, first and foremost, human beings.

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