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SCHEDULE

The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Daniel P. Coughlin, Chaplain, U.S. House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Lord, shed upon any darkness in our souls the bright light of Your wisdom; that this body may be enlightened and serve You with purity of intention.

Monday marks the beginning of another week of work. Bless the work of this Senate, all its Members and all who assist them in their noble endeavor to serve this Nation.

May the very desire to serve You, in the Spirit of truth and justice, be so pleasing in Your sight that You accomplish great deeds in and through Your people.

Let our greatness be measured by You and You alone. Help us to never settle for less or live by any other standard than what You expect of us.

With You as our source of inspiration, our work will be sanctified and our interaction with others laudable.

With You as our judge, all hesitancy will be set aside and every accomplishment will give You glory now and forever.

Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning there will be an hour of morning business for Senators to give statements and introduce legislation. At 1 p.m. today, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 14, the Energy bill. Chairman DOMENICI will be here and available for Members to come to the floor today and to offer their amendments.

Last week, in addition to finishing action on the child tax credit and the Defense authorization bill, we were able to make progress on the Energy bill. The Senate worked its will on a number of amendments relating to ethanol. We conducted six rollcall votes on that issue last week, and I thank all Members in the energy debate last week and look forward to their continued participation over the course of this week. We will continue to move forward on this important legislation to produce a national energy policy which our Nation so badly needs.

To this end, we will continue to have discussions with the other side of the aisle in an effort to reach an agreement on the remaining amendments to the Energy bill. We would like to finish consideration of the bill this week, so it is my hope that we will have a filing deadline for amendments to allow the chairman and the ranking member to work through an amendment list. Again, we are working with the chairman and ranking member and our colleagues to produce such a list.

As a reminder, there will be a rollcall vote today beginning at 5:45. That vote will be on the confirmation of the nomination of Michael Chertoff to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

For the remainder of the week, Chairman DOMENICI will continue to process amendments on the Energy bill. In addition, we are working on an agreement for the FAA reauthorization bill. This week, we will be looking for the appropriate window to consider

that reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Also, we will continue to work toward consent agreements on the State Department authorization bill as well as the bioshield bill so that they can be placed on the Senate's schedule as well.

This week, we will likely—almost certainly—consider a bill on which Senator MCCONNELL has been working related to Burma and proposed sanctions.

Finally with respect to the schedule, I would remind my colleagues that on Monday of next week—that is, 7 days from today—the Senate will begin consideration of a Medicare improvement and prescription drug bill. Members should expect busy sessions during both this week and the 2 following weeks; that is, the total of the coming 3 weeks prior to the next scheduled adjournment.

We have had a very productive session thus far. I do want to thank all Members for their hard work and cooperation.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if I may, briefly, our leader announced to the assembled Democrats last Thursday that we were not going to ask for a filing deadline on amendments but we would request from our folks a finite list of amendments so that we could get a list of the amendments people wished to offer. We were confident the Democrats were going to offer amendments that would be relevant to the bill. I am not sure what that term means—but anyway, in keeping with the Energy bill. So we can work, then, with those who have offered amendments.

I have spoken to both managers of the bill. Toward the end of last week, we had a little problem in that our side had an amendment to offer and some of our Senators were not here; Senator DOMENICI wanted to offer an amendment and some of his Senators were not here. I hope this week we can just move forward with the amendments. Senator DOMENICI has an amendment

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