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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, Lloyd John Ogilvie, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Almighty God, You have told us through the prophet Isaiah that before we call, You will answer, and while we are still speaking, You will hear. We thank You that prayer begins with You. It originates in Your heart, sweeps into our hearts, and gives us the boldness to ask for what You desire to give. Lord, may the desires of our hearts be honed by Your greater desire for us. Then Lord, grant us the desires of our hearts. Enlarge our hearts until they are capable of containing the gift of Your spirit. In communion with You, surpass our human understanding with Your gift of knowledge, our inadequate judgment with Your wisdom, and our limited expectations with Your vision. May this day be one continuous conversation with You. We ask this not just for our own peace and security, but for our responsibility of leadership. You have placed us in decisionmaking positions of authority. The margin of human error is an ever-present concern. So we yield our minds, hearts, wills, and imaginations to be channels for the flow of Your divine intelligence. Without Your help, we will hit wide of the mark; with Your power, we cannot fail.

Lord, bless the women and men of this Senate with a dynamic dialog with You for the decisive decisions of the day. As You give the day, You will show the way. Grant us wisdom, grant us power for the facing of each hour.

In Your holy name. Amen.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESCIS- SIONS ACT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of H.R. 889, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 889) making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Bumpers amendment No. 330, to restrict the obligation or expenditure of funds on the NASA/Russian Cooperative MIR Program.

Kassebaum amendment No. 331 (to committee amendment beginning on page 1, line 3), to limit funding of an Executive order that would prohibit Federal contractors from hiring permanent replacements for striking workers.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. There will now be 1 hour for debate on the Kassebaum amendment No. 331, to be equally divided between the Senator from Kansas [Mrs. KASSEBAUM] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY].

The distinguished Senator from Kansas, Senator KASSEBAUM.

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I yield 5 minutes to the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished Senator from Georgia is recognized.

AMENDMENT NO. 331

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I thank my colleague, the Senator from

Kansas. I rise in support of her amendment.

I had an opportunity to speak to this issue just yesterday to several assembled journalists. I said one of the striking features about the issue that is before us is how it reminds us of a rather growing pattern of this administration to circumvent the legislative branch. If you think on it, this issue, which is very controversial, has been argued before this Senate repeatedly and the provision that the President is trying to put in place has been rejected here. It has not found acceptance in the people's branch of our Government. So now we find the President trying to accomplish by Executive fiat what the people's branch of Government would not do.

It reminds me of Somalia, of Haiti, of Mexico, and now striker replacement.

Time and time again we see the administration coming for acceptance to the legislative branch, the people's branch, for the impact and reflection of what the American people are arguing or are wishing for. And when that cannot be accomplished, he will just bypass it, circumvent it. I do not think this is going to set very well with the American people as they begin to focus on a pattern of moving around their interests.

I am always taken aback, still. I have been here going into the third year. I still am perplexed by a city that seems to feel that it and it alone can establish the relationships in the free marketplace of this great country. And every time they do it, every time they meddle, invariably the reaction is disruption in the marketplace and the very thing the sound bites suggest we are trying to do, to help workers, as a result is not what happens.

If you destabilize the playing field that has existed between labor and management for the last 50 years, if management has no recourse in terms

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