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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 1995, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1995

(Legislative day of Thursday, March 16, 1995)

The Senate met at 10 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

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

Let us pray:

Almighty God, You have promised strength for the work of this day, power to handle the pressures, light for the way, patience in problems, help from above, unfading courage, and undying love. In the stresses and strains of leadership, often we sense our wells have run dry. Life has a way of de-powering us, depleting our resiliency, and draining our patience. People can get us down and perplexities stir us up.

Lord, I pray for Your supernatural strength for the women and men of this Senate, their families and their staffs. Bless them with a fresh flow of Your strength—strength to think clearly, serve creatively, and endure consistently; strength to fill up diminished human resources; silent strength that flows from Your limitless source, quietly filling them with artesian power. You never ask us to do more than You will provide the strength to accomplish. So make us river beds for the flow of Your creative spirit. Fill this day with the serendipities, unexpected surprises of Your grace. Be Lord of every conversation, the unseen quest at every meeting, and the guide of every decision.

Gracious Lord, on this Saint Patrick's Day, we remember the words with which Patrick began his days. "I arise today, through God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me and God's shield to protect me." In Your holy name. Amen.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

LINE-ITEM VETO

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for debate on the line-item veto legislation, S. 4, until the hour of 3 p.m., equally divided and controlled by the majority and minority leaders, or their designees.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, for the information of my colleagues, today's session will be dedicated to general debate on the subject of the line-item veto legislation. The time between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. today will be equally divided.

Last evening, the majority leader announced there will be no rollcall votes today, nor will there be rollcall votes during Monday's session of the Senate.

On Monday, March 20, the hours between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. will be equally divided for debate only on the subject of the line-item veto bill, S. 4. Under a previous order of the Senate, the Senate will proceed to consideration of S. 4 at 5 p.m. on Monday. However, as mentioned before, there will be no rollcall votes on Monday.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senator from South Carolina be granted such time as he may use as in morning business, and following that we proceed to discussion of the line-item veto.

I yield to my colleague from North Dakota, if he has a request or a comment.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I say to the floor manager, I would like, if possible, 5 minutes at the end of the remarks of the distinguished Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following the remarks of the Senator from South Carolina, the President pro tempore of the Senate, that the Senator from North Dakota be recognized for up to 10 minutes for any remarks that he may make.

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