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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

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 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:

The Word of the Lord sounds a clarion call in our souls as we begin this new week:

*"Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories, glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.—Jeremiah 9:23-24.*

Lord, thank You for this decisive declaration of Your priorities for us as individuals and as a nation. Forgive us when we try to grasp the glory for ourselves, our party, our position, our past. We live with the ever-present question, "Who will get the glory?" So often we take false pride in our accomplishments, and the accumulation in our self-made kingdoms of thingdom. Often we miss the real purpose of life: to know You and emulate Your love, justice, and righteousness. We turn from all our lesser goals of aggrandizement and focus our lives on this ultimate calling.

We commit this day to seek what delights You. We want to give You the

glory for all we have and are, for the opportunities to serve You by being servants of others, and for the awesome responsibilities of leadership You have entrusted to us.

And so we grasp the challenge of this day with an attitude of gratitude. To God be the glory. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, leaders' time has been reserved, and the Senate will immediately begin controlled general debate of S. 4, the line-item veto bill, until the hour of 5 p.m. today.

At 5 p.m. today the Senate will begin consideration of S. 4. Therefore, amendments may be offered beginning at 5 p.m.—may be offered. However, I have stated there will be no rollcall votes during today's session.

Mr. McCAIN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMAS). The distinguished Senator from Arizona is recognized.

### LINE-ITEM VETO

Mr. McCAIN. I thank the Chair for his recognition.

Mr. President, I would like to begin by addressing some of the remarks that were made on Friday by the distinguished Democratic leader. I think it is

pretty clear now what the strategy of the opponents of S. 4 will be.

Very frankly, Mr. President, it will be to attempt to foist off on the American people the idea that a majority vote in one House constitutes a veto. It will be the idea that the traditional belief that a two-thirds majority is required to override a veto is now replaced by a simple majority in one House.

Mr. President, as a result of the 1994 elections, the American people sent a message and a clear and unequivocal one that they want the pork-barrel spending stopped. They want it stopped. They figured out that the money that they sent to Washington, DC, does not all come back. In fact, it comes back to different States and congressional districts in different amounts, but some of it always stays here in Washington, DC.

In Senator DASCHLE's remarks on Friday, he said:

The President is prepared today or tomorrow or any time to reiterate what he said all along.

He said he just came from a meeting with the President of the United States.

He supports the line-item veto. It is that simple. There is no question about it.

Mr. President, if that is true, and I do not question the distinguished minority leader's remarks, I would like to hear from the President. We on this side of the aisle would like to hear

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