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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, 1995, at 12:30 p.m.

## Senate

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1995

(Legislative day of Monday, March 27, 1995)

The Senate met at 9:30 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:

Let us pray:

Almighty God, our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble, You have made this Senate a family in which we not only work together to lead this Nation, but also share with each other the joys and sorrows of life. In times of tragedies and loss, we stand with each other. When one suffers pain or grief, we all feel it acutely.

This morning we reach out with love and empathy to our colleague and friend, Senator ROD GRAMS, as he endures the excruciating grief over the death of his infant grandson, Blake Eugene.

Comfort and encourage the mother. Give her Your strength and peace. Help her to trust You to sustain her through the anguish she is experiencing.

We ask You to give to Senator GRAMS the grace and wisdom he will need to lead his family through this troubled time. Free him from the "why?" questions for which there seem to be no answers, to receive the sure answer of Your healing presence. You do not will or cause the untimely death of a child, but You do give us strength to believe that death has been conquered and Blake Eugene is among the cherubim of Heaven.

And now we commit to You the work of this day. Draw us into deeper friendship with You and each other. In the name of Him who gives us eternal life. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this morning the time for the two leaders has been reserved. And there will now be a period for morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

At the hour of 10 o'clock the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1158, the supplemental appropriations bill. At that time, the pending amendment offered by Senator D'AMATO will be set aside so that Senator DASCHLE may offer an amendment.

Therefore, all Senators should be aware that rollcall votes are expected throughout the day. If there is a change in that, or if we get some time agreement on when votes might occur, certainly we will notify the Members expeditiously.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a

period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

Mr. EXON addressed the Chair.

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

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I believe the Senator from Nebraska has been allotted 5 minutes of morning business. Is that correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Yes.

### AN AMENDMENT ON ABORTION AND STATES RIGHTS

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce an amendment which I will formally introduce later on today or next week depending on flow of the business in the Senate. I filed the amendment at the desk. I will call it up later on during the consideration of the matters after we resume at 10 o'clock today per order of the Chair.

Mr. President, I rise today to introduce an amendment which is intended to clarify Federal law regarding Federal funding for abortion. Essentially, this is a States rights issue. As my colleagues know, the Hyde amendment has long been in place to restrict the use of Federal funds to pay for abortions under Medicaid. Originally, the only exception was for when the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term. Congress passed a modification, one I had long supported, effective October 1, 1993,

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