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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. We have a guest Chaplain this morning to open the morning prayer, Rabbi Israel Poleyeff. The rabbi was invited by Senator D'AMATO, of New York. We are pleased to have him with us.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, the Honorable Rabbi Israel Poleyeff, Brooklyn, NY, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God: We ask Thy blessings upon the distinguished Members of this Senate of the United States of America. Give them insight to understand the concerns and problems of all the people of this blessed land; bless them with wisdom to enact laws that will benefit all its inhabitants, and imbue them with courage to make difficult decisions for the public good.

For more than a century, millions of immigrants, my father's family amongst them, came to these shores seeking freedom from tyranny and oppression. To this very day our beloved country still serves as a beacon of light to those to whom freedom is but an elusive ideal.

To this very day our country still stands as a shining example of individual liberty and limitless opportunity.

More than two centuries ago, our Founding Fathers created a nation in which every individual had the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The Members of this Senate have the awesome responsibility of seeing that those goals remain the hallmark of our Nation.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, imbue them with wisdom, understanding, and knowledge to hold aloft the banner of freedom and the torch of liberty, so that all the inhabitants of this country shall be privileged to live, work, and

worship their God as they choose and without fear. May our country be the leader among nations in ushering in an era of universal peace and harmony so that the words of the prophet may be fulfilled in our time, when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war anymore." May this by Thy will. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

Mr. DOMENICI. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, this morning, the leader time has been reserved and there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business, not to extend beyond the hour of 11:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each, except for the following: Senator DOMENICI, 20 minutes; Senator DASCHLE or his designee, 30 minutes; Senator SIMPSON, 10 minutes; Senator KERREY, 10 minutes; Senator COVERDELL, 15 minutes; Senator NUNN, 10 minutes; and Senator COATS, 10 minutes.

At 11:30 today, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1158, the supplemental appropriations bill. The majority leader has indicated that roll-call votes are expected throughout the day in order to make progress on the bill. Also, a cloture motion was filed on the bill last night, so a cloture vote will occur Thursday, unless an agreement can be reached with respect to the bill.

Mr. President, I understand the distinguished Senator from South Carolina, Senator THURMOND, desires to

speak for 2 minutes. I yield the floor and then I will use my 20 minutes.

Mr. THURMOND addressed the Chair. The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DEWINE). The Senator from South Carolina.

### THE RETIREMENT OF MACK FLEMING, MINORITY STAFF DIRECTOR, HOUSE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Mack Fleming, who has recently retired as minority staff director of the Veterans' Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, after more than 20 years of service on the committee.

A native of Hartwell, GA, Mr. Fleming was educated in the public schools of Anderson County, SC. He graduated from my alma mater, Clemson University, Clemson, SC, after which he entered the U.S. Army. He also earned a law degree from the Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, DC.

In the military, he served with the 2d Armored Division in Europe and he was a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Mr. Fleming has a long and distinguished career in public service, both in the Congress and the executive branch. He began that career in 1960 as the administrative assistant to Congressman William Jennings Bryan Dorn, of the Third Congressional District of South Carolina.

In 1965, Mack Fleming moved to the executive branch, first as the director and counsel of the Congressional Liaison Office at the Veterans Administration, then served as Special Assistant to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

After a short interval, during which he was engaged in the private practice of law, Mr. Fleming returned to Capitol

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