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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].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chaplain will now deliver the morning prayer.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray:

Almighty God, Creator, Sustainer, and Lord of all, You who have brought light out of darkness and have created us to know You, we praise You for Your guidance. As we begin the work of this Senate today, we acknowledge again our total dependence on You. Revelation of Your truth comes in relationship with You; Your inspiration is given when we are illuminated with Your spirit. Therefore, we prepare for the decisive decisions of this day by opening our minds to the inflow of Your spirit. We confess that we need Your divine intelligence to invade our thinking brains and flood us with Your light in the dimness of our limited understanding.

Gracious Lord, You know what is ahead today for the women and men of this Senate. Crucial issues confront them. Votes will be cast and aspects of the future of our Nation will be shaped by what is decided. And so, we say with the Psalmist, "Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day."—Psalm 25: 4-5. "I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart."—Psalm 40:8.

We praise You Lord, that when this day comes to an end we will have the deep inner peace of knowing that You heard and answered this prayer for guidance. In the name of Him who is Truth. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

#### SCHEDULE

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, this morning, the leader time has been reserved, and the Senate will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 956, the product liability bill.

Under the order, there will be 60 minutes of debate equally divided between the two managers, or their designees. At the conclusion of debate, at 11 o'clock, the Senate will begin a series of rollcall votes on, or in relation to, the pending second-degree amendments to the McConnell amendment.

The Senate will recess between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. today for the weekly policy luncheons to meet.

Senators should be aware that further rollcall votes can be expected throughout today's session.

### COMMONSENSE PRODUCT LIABILITY AND LEGAL REFORM ACT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 956, the product liability bill, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 956) to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

(1) Gorton amendment No. 596, in the nature of a substitute.

(2) McConnell amendment No. 603 (to amendment No. 596) to reform the health care liability system and improve health care quality through the establishment of quality assurance programs.

(3) Thomas amendment No. 604 (to amendment No. 603) to provide for the consider-

ation of health care liability claims relating to certain obstetric services.

(4) Wellstone amendment No. 605 (to amendment No. 603) to revise provisions regarding reports on medical malpractice data and access to certain information.

(5) Snowe amendment No. 608 (to amendment No. 603) to limit the amount of punitive damages that may be awarded in a health care liability action.

(6) Kyl amendment No. 609 (to amendment No. 603) to provide for full compensation for noneconomic losses in civil actions.

(7) Kyl amendment No. 611 (to amendment No. 603) to place a limitation of \$500,000 on noneconomic damages that are awarded to compensate a claimant for pain, suffering, emotional distress, and other related injuries.

(8) DeWine amendment No. 612 (to amendment No. 603) to clarify that the provisions of this title do not apply to action involving sexual abuse.

(9) Hatch amendment No. 613 (to amendment No. 603) to permit the Attorney General to award grants for establishing or maintaining alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

(10) Simon/Wellstone amendment No. 614 (to amendment No. 603) to clarify the preemption of State laws.

(11) Kennedy amendment No. 607 (to amendment No. 603) in the nature of a substitute.

(12) Kennedy amendment No. 615 (to amendment No. 603) to clarify the preemption of State laws.

(13) DeWine (for Dodd) amendment No. 616 (to amendment No. 603) to provide for uniform standards for the awarding of punitive damages.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, we are now under a time agreement of 1 hour for the final debate on all of the second-degree amendments to the McConnell amendment on medical malpractice.

Seeing no Senator prepared to debate, I suggest the absence of a quorum and ask unanimous consent that it be charged equally against both sides.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANTORUM). Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

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