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The Senate met at 9 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 Ogilve, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Almighty God, Holy Father, You created us for Yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in You. We confess our ambivalence. We want You to be Lord of our lives and yet, sometimes, we are filled with reservations. We need Your love, and yet fear the implications of loving others as You love us. We want Your direction in our lives, but are troubled about losing our own control. We pray for America to be a great nation under Your sovereign reign, but there are times when we are reluctant to ask You to begin a vital spiritual awakening in our own hearts.

But Lord, we are willing to be made willing. Help us to see what our lives could be if we loved You with all our hearts, and if our self-erected obstacles to trusting You completely were removed and You had Your way with us.

And so, today we open our minds to think inspired by the wisdom of Your spirit; we commit our wills to seek the guidance of Your spirit; and we face the challenges of this day with the power of Your spirit. In Your holy name. Amen.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to the consideration of S. 1026,

the Department of Defense bill, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1026) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMAS). Under the previous order, the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. THURMOND] is recognized.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, we are ready to proceed now on this bill, and I believe the distinguished Senator from Nebraska desires at this time to take up the amendment.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 2111

(Purpose: To propose a substitute to title XXXI)

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I send to the desk the Thurmond-Domenici amendment and ask it be reported immediately.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Carolina [Mr. THURMOND], for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BOND, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. BINGAMAN, proposes an amendment numbered 2111.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that further

reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(The text of the amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Amendments Submitted.")

Mr. EXON. I thank my friend and colleague, the distinguished chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

AMENDMENT NO. 2112 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2111

(Purpose: To strike section 3135 of S. 1026 authorizing a program for hydronuclear experiments)

Mr. EXON. As per our previous agreement, I send an amendment in the second degree to the desk at this time and ask that it be read in its entirety, and I also ask that the cosponsors of the amendment be identified as part of the reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nebraska [Mr. EXON], for himself, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. GLENN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SIMON, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. BUMPERS, proposes an amendment numbered 2112 to amendment No. 2111.

On page 33 of the underlying amendment, strike out section 3135, lines 11 through 19.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from South Carolina will have 70 minutes under control in this debate and the Senator from Nebraska will have 90 minutes. The Senator may proceed.

Mr. DOMENICI. Will the Senator yield?

Mr. EXON. I am happy to yield to the Senator.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, pursuant to the unanimous-consent request, I thought we said we could speak about the bill first, and then it would go to Senator EXON for the debate.

Did I misunderstand? If I misunderstood, it is all right.

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