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Senate

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

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, nothing is impossible for You. You have all power. Nothing happens without Your knowledge and Your permission. You will what is best for us as individuals and as a nation. You desire to bless us with the wisdom and discernment we need to solve our problems. And yet, we have learned that if we wait for You and ask for Your help, You provide. By Your providence You have placed the Senators in positions of great authority not because of their human adequacy but because they are willing to be available to You, attentive to You, and accountable to You. Together, with one mind and heart, we intercede for the negotiations on the budget. We know that if we trust You, You will be on time and in time to help us in the crucial hours of this day before the midnight hour of crisis. Give all those involved in the negotiation today humility to put the need of the Nation first above political advantages. You have promised that if we pray with complete trust in You, You will intervene to answer our prayers. In the name of our Lord. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Colorado is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 11 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each, with the follow-

ing exceptions: Senator NUNN for 25 minutes, Senator COATS for 45 minutes, and Senator GRAHAM for 20 minutes.

Following morning business, the majority leader stated that it would be his intention for the Senate to consider any of the following items that are available: The House message to accompany H.R. 1868, the foreign operations appropriations bill, the District of Columbia appropriations conference report, and the continuing resolution.

Senators should therefore be aware that rollcall votes are possible throughout today's session of the Senate.

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CAMPBELL). Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN TOM BEVILL

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, the House of Representatives will be losing one of its true giants when Alabama Congressman TOM BEVILL retires at the end of this Congress. His tremendous leadership, particularly in the areas of waterway development, energy policy, and medical research will be virtually impossible to replace. I was highly disappointed at his decision, for he is a tried and true leader for our Nation. His retirement will be a huge loss for the country and for Alabama.

TOM and I attended law school together at the University of Alabama and remained close friends over the years. He is the dean of the Alabama congressional delegation, having

served now for over 30 years. TOM BEVILL has served longer in the U.S. House of Representatives than any other Member of Congress from Alabama. Today, TOM is the House's 11th most senior Member and one of its most effective legislators.

He has worked closely on several issues of particular importance to our State. He certainly has played an important role in the growth and the development of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Because of his leadership and efforts, UAB, as it is known, is today home to one of the very best medical schools in the Nation and has some of its premier health care facilities and is on the vanguard of medical research.

TOM BEVILL was chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development of the House Appropriations Committee from 1977 until this year when the Republicans took control of that Chamber.

His leadership extended beyond the confines of his own district. For example, Mobile, a port city located some distance from his district in north Alabama, has been greatly enhanced by several waterways projects resulting from his stewardship.

Every area in the State of Alabama has benefited from his seniority and position in Congress. Some have even called him Alabama's third Senator, and, I will say, that the Nation, as a whole, certainly has benefited. No one has been in the forefront more pertaining to waterway development. And waterway development is extremely important. He has had some battles with Presidents relative to waterway development. I might say that he came out victorious in these battles.

He is a native of a small Walker County mining community in Alabama by the name of Townley. TOM BEVILL has spent part of his childhood building small dams. He is a lifelong Democrat, and a fundamental reason for his party

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