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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 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:

Dear Father, help us to use things and love people rather than using people and loving things. Enable us all through this day to communicate esteem and affirmation to the people with whom we work. Help us to take time to express our gratitude for who people are, not just for what they do. Make us sensitive to those burdened with worries, problems, or heartaches and help us to make time to listen to them. May we take no one for granted.

Gracious God, we want to live this entire day with a sure sense of Your presence with us. Our desire is to do every task for Your glory, speak every word knowing You are listening. Remind us that every thought, feeling, and attitude we have is open to Your scrutiny. We commit ourselves to work for You with excellence so that when this day is done we will have that sheer delight of knowing we did our best for You. In the name of our blessed Lord. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, Senator LOTT of Mississippi, is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, this morning the Senate will immediately resume consideration of Calendar No. 201, Senate Joint Resolution 21, the constitutional amendment limiting congressional terms. Debate between now and 12 noon is equally divided in the usual form.

Under a previous order, at noon the Senate will begin 30 minutes of debate on H.R. 3103, the health insurance reform bill.

Following that debate, the Senate will recess between the hours of 12:30 and 2:15 for the weekly policy conferences to meet.

Shortly, it is expected, we will be able to reach unanimous consent which will allow for the vote on passage of the health insurance reform bill to occur at 2:15 this afternoon.

Following that vote, the Senate will debate the cloture motion on term limits with the vote on cloture occurring at 3:45 today.

The Senate may consider any other legislative items during today's session that can be cleared on both sides for action.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANTORUM). Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO LIMIT CONGRESSIONAL TERMS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 21, a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment limiting congressional terms, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 21) proposing a constitutional amendment to limit congressional terms.

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

Pending:

Thompson (for Ashcroft) amendment No. 3692, in the nature of a substitute.

Thompson (for Brown) amendment No. 3693 (to amendment No. 3692), to permit each

State to prescribe the maximum number of terms to which a person may be elected to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Thompson (for Ashcroft) amendment No. 3694, of a perfecting nature.

Thompson (for Brown) amendment No. 3695 (to amendment No. 3694), to permit each State to prescribe the maximum number of terms to which a person may be elected to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Thompson amendment No. 3696, to change the length of limits on Congressional terms to 12 years in the House of Representatives and 12 years in the Senate.

Thompson (for Brown) amendment No. 3697 (to amendment No. 3696), to permit each State to prescribe the maximum number of terms to which a person may be elected to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Thompson motion to recommit the resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions.

Thompson (for Ashcroft) amendment No. 3698 (to the motion to recommit), to change instructions to report back with limits on Congressional terms of 6 years in the House of Representatives and 12 years in the Senate.

Thompson (for Brown) modified amendment No. 3699 (to amendment No. 3698), to change instructions to report back with language allowing each State to set the terms of members of the House of Representatives and the Senate from that State.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the time for debate until noon today is equally divided and controlled in the usual form.

Who yields time?

Mr. THOMPSON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, several of my colleagues have expressed a desire to speak on the term limits amendment. As they work their way to the floor, I would like to make a couple of comments.

We have had a good debate in the last couple of days on term limits. It has

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