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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:

Gracious Father, we praise You that it is Your nature to go beyond what You've done before. Whatever we've experienced of Your grace and glory as individuals and as a nation, it is small in comparison to the revelation You have prepared for us. There's always an element of surprise in our relationship with You. You give us fresh knowledge when we foolishly think we know it all. What we have learned is only a fraction of what You have stored up for us.

As we look ahead to the challenges and decisions facing us today, You remind us of how in the past You met us at every fork of the road with clear guidance and fresh grace. We beheld Your glory. Now we hear You saying that what we have discovered before is minuscule in comparison to the mighty acts You will do. Excitement and expectation fill our hearts. Dear God, continue to bless America.

Fill our minds with vision and our hearts with hope so that we can believe that all things are possible with You. There's no limit to what You can and will do to manifest Your glory. Thank You for the difference thinking positively about Your power has made for our attitude to this new day. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

Mr. GRAMS. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I announce that

today the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Federico Peña to be Secretary of Energy. Following debate, the nomination will be temporarily set aside and by previous order, at 12:30 p.m., a rollcall vote will occur on the nomination. Also by previous order, following debate on the Peña nomination, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until the hour of 12:30 p.m. After the 12:30 p.m. vote, the Senate will begin consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 18, the Hollings resolution on a constitutional amendment on campaign financing. The majority leader has announced that Senators can expect additional rollcall votes throughout the day's session.

I thank my colleagues.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF FEDERICO PEÑA, OF COLORADO, TO BE SECRETARY OF ENERGY

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now go into executive session and proceed to the consideration of the nomination of Federico Peña to be Secretary of Energy, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Federico Peña, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There will now be 30 minutes under the control of the Senator from Minnesota, [Mr. GRAMS].

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, before I begin my statement dealing with the nomination today, I yield 3 minutes to my colleague from Colorado, Senator CAMPBELL.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado is recognized.

Mr. CAMPBELL. I thank the Senator from Minnesota. I appreciate being able to speak on behalf of Mr. Peña for a couple of minutes.

I have known Federico Peña personally and professionally for over 15 years, Mr. President. I know him first as a friend and I know him as a professional with the highest integrity. He was that kind of a legislator when he was the minority leader of our State legislature. He was that kind of a mayor, as the mayor of our largest city of Denver. He was that kind of person when he was Secretary of the Department of Transportation.

His résumé reflects an unsurpassed commitment and dedication to public service. His achievements display remarkable leadership, vision, and hard work.

Mr. Peña leaves an indelible mark on every project he undertakes. The now famous Denver International Airport was a product of his foresight and leadership. The Department of Transportation, where he served as a Secretary for 4 years, is now leaner and more effective than it once was—success in taming and trimming a vast bureaucracy that can only be accomplished with discipline, determination, and hard work that Federico Peña was willing to put in.

Despite the many professional attributes Mr. Peña has, and the many dimensions of professionalism he brings to public service, perhaps none are so important in our work as his honesty and integrity. This is a quality the Federal Government cannot afford to turn down.

Having known him for the many years that I have, I am convinced that Federico Peña will bring to the Department of Energy the same integrity, honesty, and leadership for which he is known. That is his indelible mark that he has left on our State and our U.S. Government.

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