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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 1997, at 12:30 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1997

The Senate met at 12 noon 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, Almighty Sovereign of our beloved Nation, and loving Lord of our lives, our hearts overflow with gratitude. Thank You for the privilege of living in this land You have blessed so bountifully. You have called this Nation to be a demonstration of the freedom and opportunity, righteousness and justice You desire for all nations. Help us to be faithful to our destiny. May our response be spelled out in dedicated service.

Dear God, empower the men and women of this Senate as they seek Your vision and wisdom for the problems we face as a nation. Proverbs reminds us that "When the righteous are in power, the people rejoice." We rejoice in the Senators who seek to be right with You so they will know what is right for our Nation. You have told us, "Righteousness exalts a Nation." Proverbs 29:2.

Lord, we live in times that challenge faith in You. As a nation, secularity often replaces spirituality and humanistic materialism substitutes for humble mindedness. Bless the Senators as they give dynamic leadership. Grant them wisdom, grant them courage, for the facing of this hour. I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, it is a pleasure to be back on this spring day and to hear the Chaplain's prayer and to see the distinguished Senator from South Carolina here ready for business. I know we are going to have a productive season as we go into April and May.

This afternoon there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 1 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 104, the Nuclear Policy Act.

As I announced prior to the recess, no rollcall votes will occur during today's session of the Senate. Under the order, a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 104 will occur on Tuesday.

I had planned to ask unanimous consent that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture occur at 5:15 on Tuesday, with the time between 2:15 and 5:15 to be equally divided between the proponents and opponents. I understand that the Democratic leader may have a little bit of a conflict, where we may try to move that toward 5:30, although we have other Senators who have conflicts at that time. So we will get a definite unanimous consent request here shortly. The vote will be sometime between 5 and 5:30, I presume, and I believe we can get that worked out just as long as we have a minute more

to confer with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle.

All Members should be aware that the next rollcall vote will occur, then, on tomorrow at either 5:15 or 5:30, something like that. It is my hope the Senate will invoke cloture tomorrow, which will enable us to begin consideration of this very important legislation, which is the nuclear waste legislation. I think there is no more important environmental issue pending in America than to make the decision of what we are going to do with nuclear waste that is sitting in sites across this country, from South Carolina to Vermont, from the banks of the Mississippi to the shores of the Pacific. We cannot ignore this. We cannot wait another 15 years for studies to be completed. We have spent billions of dollars. We have been working on this for years. It is time for action.

The Senate voted by a wide margin last year to make a decision on this issue, to pass this nuclear waste repository legislation. The House did not act. I have been assured this year the House will act, this matter will go to the President, and we hope that it will go to him in such a way that he recognizes that Senators and Congressmen and the American people all across this country feel that this decision must be made.

So, I am looking forward to our beginning the debate. If cloture is invoked, Senators can anticipate debate and rollcall votes during every day of the session this week so we may complete action on S. 104 as soon as possible. I remind my colleagues that this

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