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Senate

The Senate met at 11 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by a guest Chaplain, the Reverend Dennis E. Ellisen, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Appleton, WI. He is a guest of one of our able Senators, Mr. KOHL.

We are pleased to have you with us.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Rev. Dennis E. Ellisen, offered the following prayer.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Father, we ask Your blessing upon all of us gathered today in the Senate Chamber. May Your spirit and presence rest upon those who bear a special responsibility in our society toward their brothers and sisters. Grant to them, O God our Father, wisdom to discern clearly those paths that will preserve and strengthen the bonds of humanness and the dignity of persons. Grant to them integrity that the principles upon which our society has been mounted may be nurtured. So we pray for Your guidance. In our deliberations we pray that Your spirit will guide us in what we say and do. We do not ask You to do our will but we pray that You will help us to do Your will so that the efforts of the day may be worthy of your blessing. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

Mr. BURNS. I thank the Chair.

I yield to the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL].

Mr. KOHL. I thank the Senator.

REV. DENNIS E. ELLISEN

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Reverend

Dennis E. Ellisen for his wonderful invocation this morning. Reverend Ellisen is the Pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Appleton, WI. Reverend Ellisen has led the congregation there, which has now swelled to more than 1,600 people, for the past 21 years.

The people of Appleton have been fortunate to have such a compassionate and a strong spiritual leader. During his time there, Reverend Ellisen has made a profound impact on his community and upon his congregation. As a member of the Goodwill Board of Directors, he helps direct efforts to help the neediest in our State.

Perhaps his most significant impact has been in starting the first hospice program in the area. As president of the Visiting Nurses Association, Reverend Ellisen created the first hospice program for Appleton. This courageous and humanitarian effort brings care and companionship to the terminally ill. Without Reverend Ellisen's guidance and leadership, that corner of my State would be less special and a lot of people's lives in Appleton would be less bright.

I thank the Reverend Ellisen for his prayers and words of encouragement today and congratulate him on his years of achievement for the people of Wisconsin.

I thank the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Montana.

ORDERS FOR TODAY

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate be in a period of morning business from the hour of 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak up to 5 minutes with the following exceptions: Senator DOMENICI for 25 minutes, Senator BYRD for 30 minutes, Senator FAIRCLOTH for 5 minutes, Senator TORRICELLI for 20 minutes, and Senator HUTCHINSON for 10 minutes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SCHEDULE

Mr. BURNS. For the information of all Members, today, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Senate will be in a period of morning business, and it is the leader's hope that following morning business the Senate may be able to proceed to consideration of S. 672, the supplemental appropriations bill. In addition, the Senate may also take up S. 419, the Birth Defects Prevention Act and any executive or legislative business cleared for action during today's session of the Senate. Therefore, Senators can anticipate rollcall votes throughout today's session.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] is recognized.

Mr. BYRD. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. BYRD, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. FORD pertaining to the submission of Senate Resolution 98 are located in today's RECORD under "Submission of Concurrent and Senate Resolutions.")

Mr. DOMENICI addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BURNS). The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. DOMENICI. How much time do I have reserved, Mr. President?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has 20 minutes.

Mr. DOMENICI. I am not sure, unless other Senators come to the floor, that I will use all the time.

Let me say to Senator BYRD, I thank him for the 5 minutes he had remaining. He kept it but permitted me to proceed. I didn't even have to ask him. He knew I had to get something done, and I appreciate it very much.

Mr. BYRD. I thank the Senator.

(The remarks of Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BOND, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. SPECTER pertaining to the introduction of S. 888 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. BOND addressed the Chair.

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