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Senate

The Senate met at 11 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, thank You for this time of prayer in which our minds and hearts can be enlarged to receive Your spirit. You are the answer to our deepest needs. More than any secondary gift You can give, we long for the primary grace of Yourself offered in profound love and acceptance. We have learned that when we abide in Your presence and are receptive to Your guidance, You inspire our minds with insight and wisdom, our hearts with resiliency and courage, and our bodies with vigor and vitality.

Lord, as we begin this day, we commit all our worries to You. We entrust to You our concerns over people we will meet and the circumstances we will encounter and the problems we will face. Our desire is to give ourselves to the work of this day with freedom and joy. Give us strength when we become tired, fresh vision when our wells become dry, and enthusiastic hope when others become disappointed.

Thank You, Father, for the constancy of Your care and love. With one heart we ask You to comfort and strengthen TOM DASCHLE now in his grief over the death of his father, Sebastian Daschle. Be with TOM's mother, Betty, and give her peace in her time of need. Place Your arms of love around this family. In the name of Him who is the resurrection and the life. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

Mr. LOTT. I thank the Chair.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will be in a period of morning business today until the hour of 12:30 p.m. Following morning business, by previous consent, the Senate will begin consideration of the State Department reauthorization bill. Senators who intend to offer amendments to that legislation should be prepared to offer and debate their amendments today. I understand we do have a couple of amendments that may be offered. We have announced earlier that any rollcall votes ordered on those amendments will not occur today but, instead, will be stacked to occur at a time to be determined in the morning by the two leaders. We do hope to open with some early votes so we can get on toward completion of the State Department reauthorization hopefully by tomorrow night. Senator DASCHLE and I discussed that last week before he left, and we agreed that we would try to complete action by Tuesday night, since we have bipartisan agreement on this legislation.

Senators will be notified accordingly exactly when the rollcall votes will be scheduled, and we hope that we can finish the State Department reauthorization so that we can move on to other bills. We now have scheduled the Defense authorization bill for Wednesday and the remainder of the week. We have some other issues that we might try to get up, including the intelligence authorization bill.

So I remind Senators again that there are only 2 weeks remaining prior to the July 4 recess. The next 2 weeks will certainly be very busy, and I hope Senators will continue to be cooperative as we schedule legislation and votes. I thank our colleagues for their cooperation in the Chamber. We may have to go into the night some the next 2 weeks in order to get through the State Department authorization, the Defense authorization, maybe even the intelligence authorization and the two

reconciliation bills next week, one on the spending side and, of course, the tax bill. That is a big order, but the Finance Committee will be meeting most of the day tomorrow and Wednesday and Thursday to complete action on those two important reconciliation bills that will carry out the directions of the budget resolution that we agreed to.

SYMPATHY TO THE DASCHLE FAMILY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, on behalf of all Senators, I extend our sympathy to the family of Senator DASCHLE. His father, Sebastian "Dash" Daschle, passed away this past weekend in Aberdeen, SD. I talked to Senator DASCHLE on Sunday afternoon and expressed our sympathy to him and to his family, offered our condolences and our assistance in any way we might be helpful. I understand Senator DASCHLE will probably be in South Dakota for the remainder of the week, but he has already talked to Senator WENDELL FORD, and we will work together to carry out the legislative agenda we agreed to this week.

Mr. President, I yield the floor. I believe Senator BREAUX is in the area and wishes to make some morning business statements, but I observe the absence of a quorum until he is available.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUTCHINSON). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

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