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Senate

The Senate met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

PRAYER

Gracious Father, we seek to be obedient to You as we fulfill the sacred duties of the Senate this week. A voice from the past calls us to make our work an expression of our faith. Samuel Adams said, "If you carefully fulfill the various duties of life, from a principle of obedience to your heavenly Father, you will enjoy that peace which the world cannot give nor take away."

May the Senators and all who assist them see the work of this day as an opportunity to glorify You by serving our country. We renew our commitment to excellence in all that we do. Our desire is to know and do Your will. Grant us a profound experience of Your peace, true serenity in our souls, that comes from complete trust in You and dependence on Your guidance. Free us of anything that would distract us or disturb us as we give ourselves to the tasks and challenges of this week. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, Senator ROBERTS of Kansas, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, this afternoon, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 3 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4112, the legislative branch appropriations bill.

As a reminder, a cloture motion was filed on Friday to the legislative branch bill and, therefore, Members

have until 2 p.m. today to file first-degree amendments. The cloture vote will occur tomorrow at approximately 9:30 in the morning.

At the conclusion of debate today on the legislative branch appropriations bill, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 2260, the Commerce-State-Justice appropriations bill. All Members are encouraged to come to the floor to offer and debate amendments to this legislation. The majority leader has announced there will be no rollcall votes during today's session and, therefore, any votes ordered with respect to any appropriations bills will be postponed, to occur on Tuesday following the vote on cloture.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—STRIKING SECTION 3705 OF CERTAIN ENGROSSED BILLS

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized, in the engrossment of the following bills, to strike section 3705 of each bill:

The Senate amendment to H.R. 3616, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999;

S. 2057, the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999; and

S. 2058, the Department of Energy National Security Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

I further ask unanimous consent that the Secretary be authorized, in the engrossment of the following bills, to strike the period at the end of section 2646(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code, as proposed to be added by section 321(a) of each bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following: " , and only if such materials are specifically provided for in subchapter VIII, chapter 98 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.":

The Senate amendment to H.R. 3616, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999;

S. 2057, the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999; and

S. 2060, the Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

I further ask unanimous consent that S. 2057, as so corrected, be printed as passed.

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

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—S. 2230

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk due for its second reading.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2230) to improve the access and choice of patients to quality and affordable health care.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I object to further consideration of the bill at this time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

Mr. ROBERTS. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROBERTS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 3 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for not to exceed 5 minutes.

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