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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 1995, at 11 a.m.

Senate

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1995

The Senate met at 9:30 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 our guest chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Mark E. Dever, pastor of Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Washington, DC.

PRAYER

The guest chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Mark E. Dever, pastor of Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Most High God, we begin this day of business by praising You for Your infinite wisdom. We know what You've committed to our hands, and our own harried schedules, and we turn to You, Lord, and consider Your ways, and we marvel at all You do. Thank You, Lord, that in Your greatness You care for us. Thank You, Lord, as part of Your care that You teach us our need of You. You have invited us in Your word to come to You for aid: "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." We praise You that You do not reproach us for our ignorance, but that You invite us to come to You for Your wisdom. So we come to You on the basis of Your words and ask for wisdom.

For questions of international and national needs, for questions about personnel and policy, for questions about family and friends, for questions about our own personal needs today. Strengthen the people of this Nation, O Lord; nourish their lives with wise laws crafted here. O Most Wise and Giving

God, prevent these servants gathered in this place from engendering quiet tyrannies and subtle stiflings of Your will. Give Your wisdom we pray particularly today to each Member of this Chamber, that as they go about their public business here they would work to make laws which bring honor to this place, and not shame, which breed respect in the public, and not cynicism, which aid the lives of all Your people, rather than inhibit them. Be our guide. Convict and comfort as we need. Teach us in all things to rely on You, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the majority leader is recognized.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, just for the information of our colleagues on both sides of the aisle, leaders' time has been reserved and it will be reserved or used.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, following that, there is to be morning business until 10 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak for not to exceed 5 minutes each. At 10 a.m. we will resume consideration of S. 2, the congressional coverage bill, and under a previous unanimous-consent agreement, at 2:15 today the Senate will proceed to a 15-minute

rollcall vote on the McConnell second-degree amendment to the Ford amendment regarding frequent flier mileage.

I just say to my colleagues, just to recap, this is the fourth day in the Senate we have been on a bill that passed the House in 20 minutes by a vote of 429 to 0. I would not want to rush anything too much over here, but it seems to me that after 4 days we ought to be prepared to bring this matter to a conclusion, so that tomorrow we can start on unfunded mandates, which is very, very important legislation with strong bipartisan support, supported by Governors, mayors, county commissioners, and State legislators. And I hope that we will complete action on that bill by Friday.

In fact, so far we have moved at a rather leisurely pace. We have not pushed anybody. But it seems to me that we will complete action on this bill tonight, either 6 o'clock, 7 o'clock, 8 o'clock, 9 o'clock, 10 o'clock—when ever, however long it may take. And then tomorrow we will start the debate on unfunded mandates.

Hopefully, we could have some agreement. I know it is a very, very important bill, but I know there are very legitimate concerns that Members on each side of the aisle have and there are very legitimate amendments that have to be discussed. So I do not want to downplay the fact that there are differences. But I hope we could come together, work out a schedule or an agenda so the amendments could be offered, debated at length if necessary, but then have the votes and complete action sometime early on Friday. So I

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