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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, 1995, at 12 noon.

Senate

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1995

(Legislative day of Monday, May 15, 1995)

The Senate met at 8:45 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

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

Lord of all life, Sovereign of this Nation, we ask You to bless the women and men of this Senate as they press on to express their convictions on the soul-sized fiscal issues confronting our Nation.

In these days of discussion, when priorities must be set and differences are sharply focused, we need a special measure of Your grace. In the debate over what it will take to balance the budget, and when and how this can be achieved, there will be strong disagreement. We will need Your wisdom and Your guidance to practice the fine art of creative compromise, so that the budget will reflect what is best for our Nation both now and for the future. Liberate us from the polarities of presuppositions that keep us from moving toward consensus. Help each Senator to speak the truth as he or she sees it, listen carefully to differing points of view, and then be willing to find workable solutions. Guide us through these days of discord and division and bring us to a resolution in which there is no victor except the people of this Nation. In Your reconciling name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, this morning the leader time has been reserved and the Senate will immediately resume consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 13, the budget resolution.

Under the previous order, a rollcall vote will occur this morning at 10:45 on the Domenici amendment, the text of which is President Clinton's budget. That will be the only rollcall vote today. However, the Senate will remain in session in order to debate the concurrent budget resolution.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 13, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 13) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

The Senate resumed consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Pending:
Hutchison (for Domenici) amendment No. 1111, in the nature of a substitute.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I watched, as I am sure many people in America did, last night and all day yesterday, I guess starting at noon, the two sides debating probably the most important vote we will take maybe in our lifetime.

The balanced budget amendment, I felt, was the most important vote because that would set a framework for us, for the future generations to make sure that in our framework of Government we would not allow one generation to put in debt future generations. So while I reserve that vote as the most important vote, nevertheless, what we are doing today is implementing the balanced budget amendment that did not pass.

We are taking up for consideration a budget resolution that will balance by the year 2002.

I was watching C-SPAN this morning and I saw a recap, I guess, of the debate on the House floor yesterday. They were talking about Democrats holding up pictures of the elderly and Republicans holding up pictures of children saying, basically, that is where the arguments are—that the Democrats are going for the senior citizens and the Republicans are talking about protecting children.

I think that they are saying to the senior citizens, "We do not think you will be responsible." I think that is what the Democrats were saying on the House side. "We do not think you will

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