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The Senate met at 9 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:

The Lord your God in your midst, the mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you in His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.—Zephaniah 3:17.

Lord, we begin this new week with this promise from Zephaniah. It sounds in our souls and gives us courage. We claim that You are in our midst. Fill this Senate Chamber with Your glory. May we humbly trust You as the only sovereign Lord of our lives and of America.

Because Your strength is limitless, our inner wells need never be empty. Your strength is artesian, constantly surging up to give us exactly what we need in every moment. You give us supernatural thinking power beyond our IQ. You provide emotional equipoise when we are under pressure. You engender resoluteness in our wills and vision for our leadership, and You energize our bodies with physical resiliency.

Lord, quiet our turbulent hearts with Your unqualified, indefatigable love. Give us profound confidence, security, and peace. We have absolute trust in Your faithfulness and we commit ourselves to You anew. Tune our hearts to the frequency of Your inner voice. Give us the clarity we need to lead our Nation. In Your never-failing power, we humbly pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Michigan is recognized.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, while we are waiting, I thought I would clarify the procedure which brought us here by a series of parliamentary inquiries.

My first inquiry of the Chair is whether or not I am correct in stating that by unanimous consent S. 101 was to be brought up today; that it was to be divided into two bills that could stand independent of each other, the first one on lobbying disclosure, which corresponds to title I of S. 101, and the second bill, which would correspond to title II of S. 101 relating to gifts; and that that action has been taken by the clerk, the bill has been divided into two separate freestanding bills, S. 1060, which relates to lobbying disclosure, and S. 1061, which relates to gifts.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is correct.

Mr. LEVIN. I thank the Chair. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

LOBBYING REFORM

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, for several days in the last few weeks, we have attempted, as a bipartisan group, to develop an agreement, which we have been able to come close to on lobbying

reform, but not very close on the so-called gift ban.

One of the insistences we had from the other side was that we start at 9 o'clock this morning—that we start at 9 o'clock this morning. Here we are at 9:35, and we see no one here, and they are refusing to come, do not want Members to lay anything down, do not want Members to talk, unless we do it in morning business.

Now, Mr. President, it seems, if you are going to insist on something, you ought to be part of the agreement. We find that this is happening too much of the time. I do not like to be here at 9 o'clock on Monday morning any more than anyone else. We are here. We are prepared. We are ready. So, where is the other side?

Mr. President, I think it behooves all Members, if we are going to start, if we want to start, we ought to do it at the time we agreed upon. I have already had my cup of coffee, as I am sure the Presiding Officer has. He did his swims this morning, his pushups, and he is here ready to go, but we are sitting here.

My statement has brought both doors open on the other side. That delights this Senator very much. So, after 35 minutes of pleading that we want someone here to start debate, which was insisted upon, I hope that we can start and not force this side to come when the other side does not appear.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I would like to start the debate in a positive

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