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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 1995, at 12 noon.

## Senate

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1995

The Senate met at 10 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 God of new beginnings, who makes all things new and fills us with newness of life, we thank You for the fresh start as we begin this fall season of the Senate. We trust You, Lord, to guide and provide. Give us viable hope and vibrant expectancy as we confront old problems and unresolved issues. We need You, Father. Our own strength, ability, experience, and training are inadequate for times like these. Give us a vision of what we could be and do, if, in total trust in You, we receive Your wisdom, knowledge, insight, and inspiration. Fill us with Your spirit and make us courageous leaders in the conflict of these days.

We pray that our trust in You may give us greater trust in one another. Make us trustworthy as we seek Your best for our Nation. Free us of defensiveness and suspicion of those who may not share our party loyalties or political persuasions. Bind us together in the oneness of a shared commitment to You, a passionate patriotism, and a deep dedication to find creative solutions in the concerns that confront us and often divide us.

Bless the women and men of this Senate as they place their ultimate trust in You, and are faithful to the trust placed in them by the people of this Nation. In our Lord's name. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, this morning the Senate will immediately resume consideration of the Department of Defense authorization bill under the agreement reached prior to the recess. Senators should be aware that a roll-call vote will occur at 5 p.m. this afternoon on passage of the Department of Defense appropriations bill. That roll-call vote will be the first rollcall vote of the day, but further rollcall votes can be expected this evening because the leader is hopeful that we will be able to complete action on the defense authorization bill before the day is over.

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

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

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 1026, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1026) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Brown amendment No. 2125, to clarify restrictions on assistance to Pakistan.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I want to advise all Senators that the Senate is on the Defense authorization bill, and the unanimous-consent agreement we propounded before adjourning on August 11 requires us to remain on this bill until all debate is completed and we have a final vote. This bill is essential to our national security and must be passed today.

Let me start the discussion by alerting everyone of today's plans.

First, from now until 5 p.m. we plan to debate those amendments that are in order under the unanimous-consent agreement of August 11.

Second, we plan to stack the votes on those amendments and dispose of them immediately after the vote on the Defense appropriations bill scheduled for 5 p.m. today.

Third, after the stacked votes, we plan to proceed to consideration of the bipartisan missile defense amendments. This debate is scheduled for 3 hours. When that debate concludes, we plan to vote on the amendment and then vote on the bill itself.

This means all amendments that are in order under the unanimous-consent agreement should be raised and debated prior to 5 p.m. today to ensure

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