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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].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by guest chaplain, Pastor Richard Laue, Calvary Bible Church, Burbank, CA.

### PRAYER

The Reverend Richard Laue, pastor of Calvary Bible Church, Burbank, CA, offered the following prayer.

Our Sovereign God, we bow our heads, we open our hearts that our lives as well as our lips might give You praise. We worship You, we love You, we honor You for the abundant blessings and immeasurable grace that You have poured out upon us as a nation. We thank You today for the Senate of these United States of America. We pray that You might open the windows of Heaven and pour out upon these our governmental leaders that You have chosen, wisdom and knowledge that they might lead us in the direction You have established.

May every soul from coast to coast and border to border be subject to the governing authorities that rule over us, because we know there is no authority, except what You have established. Remind us, Lord, that those who ever resist the authority resist the ordinance of the Almighty God, and those who resist will bring judgment upon themselves. We have learned from experience that rulers are not a terror to good works and obedient living, but to evil in the world. Remind us frequently that rebellion and anarchy bring judgment.

Remind the citizenry and the leadership of this Nation that when we "sow the wind, we shall reap the whirlwind." Burn into our thinking and our decisionmaking that text of Scripture, "Be not deceived for God is not mocked for whatsoever a man (or a nation) soweth, that shall he also reap"—Galatians 6:7.

Help us to encourage the weak, lift up the fallen, and heal the wounds in our Nation. We pray that the blessing and the benediction of Almighty God might rest upon the Senate of these United States of America. To God be the glory. Amen.

### FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY ACT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the pending bill.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4) to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending, and reduce welfare dependence.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Dole modified amendment No. 2280, of a perfecting nature.

Moseley-Braun amendment No. 2471 (to amendment No. 2280), to require States to establish a voucher program for providing assistance to minor children in families that are eligible for but do not receive assistance.

Moseley-Braun amendment No. 2472 (to amendment No. 2280), to prohibit a State from imposing a time limit for assistance if the State has failed to provide work activity-related services to an adult individual in a family receiving assistance under the State program.

Graham/Bumpers amendment No. 2565 (to amendment No. 2280), to provide a formula for allocating funds that more accurately reflects the needs of States with children below the poverty line.

Domenici modified amendment No. 2575 (to amendment No. 2280), to strike the mandatory family cap.

Daschle amendment No. 2672 (to amendment No. 2280), to provide for the establishment of a Contingency Fund for State Welfare Programs.

Daschle amendment No. 2671 (to amendment No. 2280), to provide a 3-percent set aside for the funding of family assistance grants for Indians.

DeWine amendment No. 2518 (to amendment No. 2280), to modify the method for calculating participation rates to more accurately reflect the total case load of families receiving assistance in the State.

Faircloth amendment No. 2608 (to amendment No. 2280), to provide for an abstinence education program.

Boxer amendment No. 2592 (to amendment No. 2280), to provide that State authority to restrict benefits to noncitizens does not apply to foster care or adoption assistance programs.

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Illinois is recognized.

AMENDMENT NO. 2471

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President under the previous order, there is to be a final 10 minutes of debate on two pending amendments which I offered. The vote is to occur at 9:10 this morning. Therefore, in light of the fact that we have about 7 minutes left, I will be very brief and succinct in describing the two amendments.

At the outset, I would like to submit for the RECORD an article in the Washington Post yesterday by Judith Gueron, which talks about the way out of the welfare bind. There is one line in particular that I call to the attention of my colleagues, and the Senator from Pennsylvania, who is on the floor and working this legislation. She talks about time limits and she concludes that they should be tested. Then she goes on to say:

But given the public expectations, we cannot afford to base national policies on hope rather than knowledge. The risk of unintended consequences is too great.

Now, the point of these amendments is to at least provide us with some security against unintended consequences. I believe the two amendments pending will go to the heart of the debate about welfare reform. Are we, as a national community, going to maintain a national commitment to poor children, or are we going to gamble with the future of millions of children?

I remind my colleagues, in the discussion that we have had that there are

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