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The Senate met at 9:15 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

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

We pray with the Psalmist, "Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day."—Psalm 25:4-5.

Almighty God, we praise You for Your guidance. As we begin the work of this Senate today, we acknowledge again our total dependence on You. Revelation of Your truth comes in relationship with You; Your inspiration is given when we are illuminated with Your spirit. Therefore, we prepare for the decisive decisions of this day by opening our minds to the inflow of Your spirit. You know what is ahead today. Crucial issues confront us. Votes will be cast and aspects of the future of our Nation will be shaped by what is decided.

We praise You Lord, that when this day comes to an end we will have the deep inner peace of knowing that You heard and answered this prayer for guidance.

As a caring community we reach out to Senator WILLIAM COHEN and ask that You give him Your comfort and strength now at the time of the death of his father, Ruben Cohen. Grant him Your peace. In the name of our Lord. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator DOLE, is recognized.

Mr. DOLE. I thank the President pro tempore.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. DOLE. I would just indicate to my colleagues that we will have morning business until the hour of 9:30 this morning. At 9:30 we begin consideration of S. 143, a bill that consolidates Federal employment training programs. We had a time agreement reached on this bill on September 15 allowing 15 amendments to the bill.

There will be no votes prior to 2:15 today. However, rollcall votes can be expected on or in relation to amendments to S. 143 from 2:15 on throughout the day.

Between 11:30 and 12:30 this morning, there will be a period for morning business with time controlled by Senators HUTCHISON and NUNN, and then, as customary, we will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 for weekly policy conferences.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GRAMS). Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business.

The Senator from Alabama.

### RETIREMENT OF SENATOR NUNN

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a great U.S. Senator, Senator SAM NUNN. After 23 years, it is difficult to envision a U.S. Senate without our esteemed colleague from Georgia. There is no doubt that had he run again in 1996, he could have won and won easily. Had he decided to stay, he would have remained the most influential Senator on defense and one of the most effective conservative Democrats overall.

Senator SAM NUNN's intellectual depth on defense and national security matters is unparalleled in this body. He has been a staunch and unyielding proponent of a strong national defense and has demonstrated a keen interest in the wide breadth of defense issues.

His thoughtfulness and dedication to what he thinks is best gives him an extraordinary amount of credibility that the Senate will sorely miss when he leaves. On many occasions he has been mentioned as a possible nominee for Secretary of Defense, Secretary of State, or even as President of the United States.

Although SAM NUNN is best known as an authority on defense issues, he has played a prominent role on other major issues as well. He is well known for his in-depth knowledge of foreign affairs. His voice on human rights and civil rights has always evidenced a progression and sensitivity in seeking solutions. He is a prominent member of the Governmental Affairs Committee where he held hearings on wrongdoings in many areas and recently pertaining to some in the health insurance industry.

Having come from a farming family, he has fought for sound agricultural policy and has been a champion of the often misunderstood cotton and peanut programs. He has been a major moderating influence on our party through his work on the Democratic Leadership Council. He has fought long and hard for a balanced budget and believes in the constitutional amendment requiring the same.

His great-uncle, Carl Vinson, served for 50 years in the House of Representatives chairing the Naval Affairs and the Armed Services Committee. Recently in Honolulu, as we were celebrating the 50th anniversary of V-J Day, the end of World War II, we had various ceremonies on the aircraft carrier named for his great-uncle, *Carl Vinson*.

The seat which he now occupies was held for nearly 40 years by the late Richard Russell, who is a revered Senator and who also served as a chairman of the Armed Services Committee. Since he came to the Armed Services

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