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House of Representatives

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

Senate

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1995

The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable JAMES M. JEFFORDS, a Senator from the State of Vermont.

PRAYER

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

The Moses motto for living gives us the secret of making this a great day. He said, "So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the Lord Your God has given you."—Deuteronomy 26:11.

Gracious God, this is a day for rejoicing over the manifold good things You have given us. Help us to take nothing and no one for granted. As we move through this day we want to savor the sheer wonder of being alive as citizens of this land of freedom and democracy. Thank You for the intellectual ability to think, understand, and receive Your guidance. We praise You for the people of our lives. Help us to appreciate the never-to-be-repeated miracle of each personality. Give us patience and sensitivity for those who are troubled. We are grateful for work to do, challenges that make us depend on You more, and opportunities beyond our abilities that force us to trust You for wisdom and strength. We rejoice over Your daily interventions to help us. Today, we even rejoice in our problems, for we know that they will be occasions for You to show us Your power to provide solutions. Rather than saying, "Get me out of this!" help us to pray, "Lord, what do You want me to get out of this?" Then free us to rejoice in the privilege of new discoveries. In all

things, great and small, we rejoice in You, gracious Lord of All. Amen.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 3, 1995.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES M. JEFFORDS, a Senator from the State of Vermont, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. JEFFORDS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

ENDING WELFARE FOR LOBBYISTS

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, on the heels of welfare and lobby reform, Congress is just beginning to address the issue of welfare for lobbyists.

Both Houses of Congress have passed legislation aimed at curbing the abusive practice of forcing taxpayers to subsidize lobbying activity. Even so, we are coming dangerously close to returning to business as usual in Washington.

The Treasury-Postal appropriations conferees have been debating the welfare for lobbyists issue for weeks. The only agreement so far has been an agreement to disagree.

Mr. President, each year, the American taxpayers give more than \$39 billion—that is "billion," with a "B"—to organizations which turn around and use those dollars to lobby Congress for more taxpayer dollars.

Over the past several months, we have seen those 39 billion tax dollars hard at work here in Washington.

During this summer's Medicare debate, one of the most vocal contributors to the Medi-Scare campaign of misinformation was AARP, an organization which received more than 70 million taxpayer dollars during a 1-year period between July 1993 and June 1994—70 million taxpayer dollars.

Here are just a few other examples of American's hard-earned tax dollars at work: \$250,000 went to the Child Welfare League of America, which turned around and launched a vicious ad campaign aimed at increasing welfare spending; its ad against the Contract With America's welfare reform proposal screamed, "More children will be

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