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Senate

The Senate met at 12 noon, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

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

Gracious Father, thank You for the stirrings in our minds and the longings in our hearts that are sure evidence that You are calling us into prayer. Long before we call, You answer by creating the desire to renew our relationship with You. You allow that feeling of emptiness in the pit of our being to alert us to our hunger for fellowship with You. Our thirst for Your truth, our quest for Your solutions to our Nation's needs, and our yearning for Your answers to our problems are all assurances that before we articulated our prayers, You were preparing the answers. It is a magnificent, liberating thought that all through this day when we cry out for Your help, it is You who have given us the courage to give up our dogged self-reliance and start drawing on the supernatural strength and superabundant wisdom You have been waiting for us to ask for so You could bless us. Thank You for a day filled with serendipities of your interventions. I pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us how to trust You completely. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, for the information of Senators, the Senate will be in session for a period of morning business today until the hour of 4 p.m. The time will be divided equally

between both sides, with 2 hours for the Republican side and 2 hours under the control of the Democrats. There will be no rollcall votes during today's session. The Senate may consider any legislative items that can be cleared for action by unanimous consent.

All Senators should be reminded that the continuing resolution expires on Friday. It is expected, therefore, that the Senate will consider a new continuing resolution when one becomes available from the House. The Senate may also consider the Department of Defense authorization conference report as well as the START II Treaty.

Senators should be on notice that based on preliminary responses from both sides of the aisle, it appears at this time that rollcall votes will occur during Friday's session of the Senate. However, we do not expect them to occur prior to the hour of 2 p.m. on Friday.

MORNING BUSINESS

The 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 4 p.m., equally divided between the majority and minority.

The able Senator from Maine is recognized.

(The remarks of Mr. COHEN pertaining to the introduction of S. 1525 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. COHEN. I thank the Chair. I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE 104TH CONGRESS

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, when I was elected to the Senate in 1992, I was one of five Republican Senators elected that year. But, I was the only Senator who defeated a Democratic incumbent in the November election, in what many would consider a year dominated by Democrats.

I was a new conservative voice, in a town where the Presidency and both Houses of Congress were controlled by liberal Democrats.

During those first 2 years, I opposed many of the initiatives of the coming out of the Congress. I voted against President Clinton's budget, because I did not think raising taxes was the answer to cutting the deficit.

I opposed raising taxes on Social Security.

I opposed his health care plan, which I think would have nationalized health care in this country, which is the last thing we needed.

But the elections in November 1994 changed all of this. For the first time in 40 years, the American people elected a Republican House and Senate. In my opinion, because of this, the changes have been dramatic.

For years, popular initiatives that the American public have wanted have been stalled or bottled up in the Congress.

The 104th Congress—the Republican Congress—has finally broken the logjam.

Look at what this Congress has passed. It has been significant.

We voted to apply to the Congress the employment laws that we pass which businesses have to put up with. As of a few days ago, many in Congress are getting a taste of the laws that we

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