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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 Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, ultimate Judge of us all, free us from the condemnatory judgments that elevate ourselves and put others down when they do not agree with us. Sometimes, we think our disagreement justifies our lack of prayer for them. Often we self-righteously neglect in our prayers the very people who most need Your blessing. Give us the prophet Samuel's heart to say, "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you."—I Samuel 12:23. Awaken us to the danger for our spiritual lives that results from neglect of prayer for our adversaries. Make us intercessors for all those You have placed on our hearts—even those we previously have castigated with our judgments. We accept Your authority: "Judgment is mine, says the Lord." I pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us, "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."—Luke 6:37. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CAMPBELL). The Senator from Montana is recognized.

Mr. BURNS. I thank the Chair.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, today there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 10 a.m.

Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2937, the White House Travel Office leg-

islation. A cloture motion was filed on the pending Dole amendment to that measure, with that cloture vote occurring on Friday, unless agreement can be reached otherwise. Rollcall votes are, therefore, possible during today's session. Leader time shall be reserved.

### AMERICAN FAMILIES NEED HELP

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I come to the floor this morning, again, with America on my mind and American families on my mind. Today, they are working harder and they are worrying more about job stability, and they are wondering about what the future holds, especially when this Government wants to call all of the rules and regulations from here throughout the country.

Most families live from paycheck to paycheck, and they struggle every month just to make ends meet. They are frustrated because the money they used to be able to live on does not get to the end of the month. Some would say, "There is a lot of month left over at the end of the money." Families, from Montana to Maine, want freedom from Washington and the crushing burden it puts on the backs of all Americans.

Let us talk about taxes first, as we have been doing all week. We need to give some of the 1993 tax increases back to families. That is what repeal of the 4.3-cent gas tax would do.

I thought a lot of the comments yesterday of my friend from Missouri, when he says, "Let us give it back to the people." This really stresses people who have to go to work every day, and it goes to people that will not work. That is not fair. These are the people that are trying to make America work.

Tax freedom day is now after 128 days because of that big tax increase in 1993. Total taxes are now running around 38.2 percent on family income. This re-

peal starts to at least give some of the money back to American families and also helps them along with their savings, and with the education of their young folks.

Also, let us talk a little bit about Government regulation this morning.

Flextime. What we have been talking about is the ability—and the TEAM Act—of people, of employers and employees, sitting down and ironing out some of the factors in a workplace that make a company go. That is what we are doing here, and talking about what is wrong with this communication between an employee and an employer. What is wrong with some of them setting some rules and some parameters which help not only the employee but the employer and also help the company to survive?

Home office deduction telecommuters. We fought very hard for that. I think back in 1991 or 1992, we put an amendment in the Transportation Act that says we ought to study the impact of folks who stay home and do their work because they have new technology such as computers, such as fax machines, such as telephones. So we said, do a study and see what impact that has on our transportation system and on our highways because right now we know we cannot outbuild the roads to stay ahead of America's love for the automobile.

So what is wrong with having a designated spot in a home in telecommuting maybe where even the employees here in Washington who did not want to come up I-395—as you know, I-395 from 6 o'clock in the morning until about 9 o'clock in the morning has been termed the world's largest parking lot. What is the impact on the environment? What is the impact on our fuel consumption, and on energy consumption?

Why can we not look at our tax bracket and say, "OK. Maybe you can stay home maybe 1 or 2 days out of

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