



United States  
of America

# Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 104<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Vol. 142

WASHINGTON, MONDAY, MAY 13, 1996

No. 66

## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 1996, at 12:30 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1996

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by Rev. Richard B. Foth, Assemblies of God, Arlington, VA.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Rev. Richard B. Foth, Assemblies of God, Arlington, VA, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, we come to You on this magnificent spring day with grateful hearts for the ways in which You speak to us. With all creation shouting "new life," we ourselves ask for refreshing and vigor from Your spirit as we begin a new week.

Each Senator here carries more burdens, personal and corporate, than most of us can fathom. The challenge of carrying a vision for the Nation, while holding in concert the philosophy of party and the needs of particular States is always with them. Help these chosen men and women, whom You have gifted, to be firmly grounded in principle while dealing on every hand with issues that insist on pragmatic solutions.

We acknowledge on this Monday in May that we cannot enact enough laws to solve the deepest challenges of every American, but we can have open hearts toward You and toward each other. In these Chambers, where battles of philosophy and budget can wear public servants out, let trust that nurtures life keep knocking at the door.

In the name of Him who gives us life and that more abundantly, we pray these things. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, we thank the distinguished guest Chaplain for his prayer this morning.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 3:30 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2937, which is the White House Travel Office legislation. There will be no rollcall votes today. Senators are reminded that a cloture motion was filed on the pending Dole amendment to H.R. 2937, with that vote occurring on Tuesday at 2:15 p.m.

This week it is hoped that the Senate can complete action on the White House Travel Office bill, resolve the gas tax repeal issue, the minimum wage bill, and the TEAM Act issues, as well as consider the budget resolution. In order to achieve all of that this week, Senators should be on notice that there will be votes throughout the week, with the strong possibility of late-night sessions so that we can complete a very aggressive agenda.

Again, I know the distinguished majority leader has been meeting with the minority leader, and they are working to come up with a process whereby these very important issues can all be considered during this week.

Mr. President, I am prepared to yield the floor, and I observe the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. BYRD. What is the time limitation?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time until 2 o'clock is under the control of the Democratic leader.

### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BYRD. Is the Senate in a period of morning business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Yes, it is, morning business.

Mr. BYRD. Are Senators permitted to speak therein?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For 5 minutes.

Mr. BYRD. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I may take just a little longer than 5 minutes. I ask unanimous consent that I may proceed for not to exceed 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### "TINKER" AND ELNORA ST. CLAIR

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I was deeply saddened by the recent death of Elnora Hall St. Clair, a loving mother, a doting grandmother, and the devoted wife of Arthur M. "Tinker" St. Clair, an important individual in our Senate family and a man whom I have been long glad to count as my friend.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



Printed on recycled paper containing 100% post consumer waste

S4957