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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 1996, at 12:30 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1996

The Senate met at 1:30 p.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

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

Almighty God, source of all that we have and are, forgive us for taking Your blessings for granted. We go to sleep at night fully confident that we will awake the next morning, but often we do not praise You for the wonder of being alive. We rush into the day on our high horse and then ride off in all directions without thanking You for each day brimming full and overflowing with Your goodness. We presumptuously assume that we are in control of our lives, others, and circumstances. So much of what we think we accomplish alone is really the result of what You plan for us out of sheer grace, and give us the strength to attempt. We are so quick to take the credit. Life soon becomes horizontal and flat with faithless familiarity. Then into the blandness of this drift into self-help humanism, we hear the challenge Sursum Corda: Lift up your hearts. Carpe diem: Seize the day. Life is a privilege to be lived to the fullest in serving with humble gratitude. Remind us that we could not breathe a breath, think a thought, or work creatively this day without Your permission and Your power. Now we are ready for a new week of opportunities and challenges. In the name of our Lord. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

Mr. LOTT. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

### PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. The Senate will be in a period of morning business today until the hour of 3:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each. The first 90 minutes of morning business will be under the control of Senator COVERDELL of Georgia, or his designee, and the last 30 minutes will be under the control of Senator DASCHLE, or his designee.

At 3:30 today, the Senate will resume debate on a motion to proceed to S. 1635, the Defend America Act. No roll-call votes will occur during today's session but as a reminder there will be a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 1635 at 2:15 p.m. tomorrow. If cloture is invoked on Tuesday, it is the hope that we may begin consideration of the defend America legislation and hopefully complete action on that important bill in a reasonable timeframe.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DEWINE). Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a

period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 3:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for not to exceed 5 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the first 90 minutes shall be under the control of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL].

The Senator from Georgia is recognized.

### BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, we will soon once again cast a historic vote on a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. It will be a historic vote. It will be a defining vote. Given the experience of the last 26 years, \$5 trillion in debt, interest on debt that will soon exceed Defense Department spending, it is certainly an appropriate matter for the Senate to consider.

I will not prolong my remarks right now, but, Mr. President, I will yield up to 10 minutes to the distinguished Senator from Mississippi, if I might.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Georgia for having this time for us to discuss this very important issue.

For many years, I have supported the constitutional amendment for a balanced budget. The American people

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