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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 22, 1996, at 10:30 a.m.

## Senate

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1996

The Senate met at 9 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:

Gracious Lord, You have placed within each of us a conscience as the voice of our deep inner self. Over the years our consciences have been molded by what we have been taught is true and right. We thank You for a conscience rooted in the Ten Commandments and guided on Your spirit. You are the Potter, our conscience the clay; mold our values after Your way. We ask this not just for our own personal relationships, but also for the responsibilities of leadership You have entrusted to us.

You want to develop the future of this Nation through the leadership of women and men of this Senate and all of us who labor with them. So refine our consciences; purify any dross until You can see Your own nature reflected in the refined gold of Your priorities of righteousness, justice, mercy. Give us Your heart for the poor and those who suffer. Keep us faithful to Your vision for this Nation so clearly revealed to our Founding Fathers and Mothers. Set us ablaze with patriotism and loyalty. Then continue to speak to us through our consciences. May we work out in specifics what You have worked into the fiber of our character. We commit ourselves anew to seek Your guidance and follow it this day. Give us courage to follow the convictions You have developed in our consciences. In the name of Jesus who taught us that we can

know the truth and the truth will set us free. Amen.

### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, WORK OPPORTUNITY, AND MEDICAID RESTRUCTURING ACT OF 1996

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will now resume consideration of S. 1956, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1956) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Murray amendment No. 4903, to restore funds for the summer food service program for children.

Faircloth amendment No. 4905, to prohibit recruitment activities in SSI outreach programs, demonstration projects, and other administrative activities.

Breaux amendment No. 4910, to ensure needy children receive noncash assistance to provide for basic needs until the Federal 5-year time limit applies.

A motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of amendment No. 4910, listed above.

Faircloth amendment No. 4911, to address multigenerational welfare dependency.

Biden-Specter amendment No. 4912, in the nature of a substitute.

A motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of amendment No. 4912, listed above.

First modified amendment No. 4914, expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should ensure approval of State waiver requests.

Harkin amendment No. 4916, to strike section 1253, relating to child nutrition requirements.

Santorum (for Ashcroft) amendment No. 4917, to ensure that recipients of caretakers of minor recipients of means-tested benefits programs are held responsible for ensuring that their minor children are up to date on immunizations as a condition for receiving welfare benefits.

Wellstone-Simon amendment No. 4918, to require a report to Congress on the impact of increased numbers of impoverished children and recommendations for legislation to correct the increase.

A motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of amendment No. 4918, listed above.

Graham amendment No. 4921, to strike the provisions restricting welfare and public benefits for aliens.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. HUTCHISON). The Senate will now proceed to 10 rollcall votes with respect to amendments offered on July 18, 1996, with 2 minutes for explanation equally divided before each vote.

The Senator from New Mexico is recognized.

Mr. DOMENICI. Madam President, this morning the Senate will resume consideration of the reconciliation bill and begin a lengthy series of rollcall votes. There may be from 8 to 10 votes consecutively, in order this morning. Therefore, all Members should be prepared to remain in or around the Senate Chamber to allow these votes to be completed in a timely manner.

Following these votes, the Senate will continue to debate amendments to reconciliation. However, any votes ordered on those amendments will be ordered to begin at 9:30 on Tuesday.

I remind my colleagues, if they still intend to offer their amendments, those that were listed, they must offer them today or Monday.

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