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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 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:

The prophet Isaiah asked some very penetrating questions. The answers lead us to an authentic attitude for profound prayer:

"Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, measured heaven with a span and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, or as His counselor has taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?"—Isaiah 40:12-14.

Almighty God, these questions expose the shallowness of our understanding of prayer. So often we come to You in prayer as if it were our responsibility to brief You on world affairs or current national problems. Or we come to prayer with our shopping list of needs as if You did not know all about us. And then there are times we try to get You to bless our plans about which we never consulted You.

Father, You created prayer for us to be with You, to know You, to have our characters emulate Your character, and, most of all, to be filled with Your spirit. So we humble ourselves. Instead of telling You what to do, we open ourselves completely to receive Your marching orders and to follow You. In the name of the One who taught us to pray, "Not my will but Yours be done." Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

Mr. LOTT. Good morning, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this morning, there will be a period of morning business until the hour of 11 a.m., and the first 45 minutes of morning business will be under the control of Senator HUTCHISON, and the second 45 minutes will be under the control of Senator DASCHLE, or his designee.

Following morning business at 11 a.m., the Senate will resume consideration of S. 994, the FAA reauthorization bill. A unanimous-consent agreement limiting amendments to that bill was reached last night. Also under the order, all amendments listed must be filed at the desk by 11 a.m. this morning. It is hoped that most of those amendments can be agreed to or not be offered at all.

Upon disposition of the FAA bill, the Senate will be asked to turn to the consideration of the conference report to accompany the Transportation appropriations bill, if available, or the Magnuson fisheries bill under a previous consent agreement. In any case, there will probably be rollcall votes throughout the day, and Senators should expect those votes.

I am pleased with the progress that has been made on the FAA reauthorization bill. The Senator from Arizona, Senator MCCAIN, and the Senator from Kentucky, Senator FORD, have been working very hard on this. We need to get this done. In fact, we need to get it completed and we need to do it quickly so we can move on to other bills we need to get done. If we don't get this FAA reauthorization bill completed,

there will be a prohibition at the end of the year on use of the airport trust fund. So we absolutely have to get it done.

Also, I would like to make sure Senators are aware that we are considering moving to other conference reports when they are available. We are also considering taking up, perhaps on tomorrow and Thursday, the maritime legislation from the Commerce Committee that will be managed by the Senator from Alaska, Senator STEVENS, and we are now beginning to see if we can clear the way on both sides of the aisle to take up the pipeline safety legislation, something, once again, we really need to do. Certainly, in America, we should make sure we have a program and plan for our pipelines being safe.

Until we see if we can work out some understanding that we can do our appropriations bills without a lot of delay or extraneous amendments, we will move forward on making progress on these other bills, these other issues. I had hoped we could get all of the appropriations bills done in regular order, but that has not been the case on the last two bills. Rather than just a squabble back and forth, I thought we could go on and do the people's business in other areas. I think we can do a lot of good work in that area over the next 3 or 4 days.

I yield the floor, Mr. President.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for morning business until the hour of 11 a.m., with the first 45 minutes under the control of the Senator from Texas, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and the second 45 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader, Senator DASCHLE, or his designee.

Mrs. HUTCHISON addressed the Chair.

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