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Senate

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 God, the deepest longing of our hearts is to know You. We echo the yearning of the psalmist when he said, "With my whole heart I have sought You; oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You."—Psalm 119:10-12.

Father, help us live today with a sense of accountability to You. So often we live our lives on the horizontal level, thinking only of our wins and losses in our human struggles. There are people we want to please and others we want to defeat. Awaken us to the reality that every word we speak and every action we do is open to Your review. Make us sensitive to our sins against You and Your absolutes for faithful living and responsible leader-

ship. Help us to have Your word, Your will and way, be the mandate in the hidden, inner sanctuary of our souls. Give us courage to remove any idols of our hearts and be true in our commitment to worship only You. Make us fearless, decisive, and unreserved in our desire to be obedient to what You reveal to us today. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, this morning the Senate will immediately begin debate on the veto message to accompany the partial-birth abortion ban bill.

There is no time agreement with respect to the debate, unfortunately, at this time at least, but it is hoped the Senate can proceed to a vote on the veto override early in the afternoon. Following disposition of the veto message, the Senate may be asked to turn to consideration of any of the following items: The immigration conference report, the Presidio parks bill conference report, the NIH reauthorization bill and the pipeline safety bill.

In addition, the Senate can also expect to begin, if available, the omnibus appropriations bill making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1997. Therefore, rollcall votes can be expected throughout the day, and Senators should be prepared for late nights for the remainder of the session. I have tried very hard to avoid going late into the night where possible, and we will always cooperate with the Democratic leadership in trying to have an understanding of what the schedule will be and when we will have votes, even if

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