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The Senate met at 2:15 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:

Eternal Father, You have told us that the things we can see are temporary, but the things which are unseen are eternal. We confess that what is seen captivates our attention. It is easy to get lost in the labyrinth of life's enigmas. The media constantly remind us of violence and vandalism, crimes and conflicts, and the spin we put on sin. Sometimes, the things which are seen blur our vision of the unseen, but indefatigable movement of Your Spirit in people and circumstances. You call us to experience the things which are unseen: Your eternal presence, the power of love, the healing of forgiveness, and Your guidance of leaders who open their minds to You.

In the on-going drama of secular life with all its sinister and alarming possibilities, also help us to see what You are doing to change people and enable them to change government and our society. We are not asking for a simplistic, "God is in His heaven and all is right with the world" nostrum. Rather, we need an "All is not right with the world but lo I am with you always," cure for our deepest needs.

Now it dawns on us with full force; only Your invisible power can transform our intractable problems. We yield ourselves to be agents of Your visible impact on our Nation at this strategic time of history. In the name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today the Senate will immediately resume con-

sideration of Senate Joint Resolution 1, the constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. By unanimous consent, there will be 60 minutes remaining for debate on Senator WELLSTONE's amendment No. 3. Senators can expect a rollcall vote on or in relation to that Wellstone amendment at approximately 3:15 today, if all debate time is used.

Following that vote, it is my hope we will be able to begin consideration of the nomination of BILL RICHARDSON to be the U.N. Ambassador. The Foreign Relations Committee will be reporting out that nomination this afternoon, and we will attempt to reach an agreement limiting debate to approximately 20 minutes equally divided but we will, of course, wait until the committee has officially reported it and then bring it up as shortly thereafter as possible.

Following that vote, we will continue debate on the balanced budget amendment, and it is my understanding that Senator REID will be prepared to offer his amendment relative to Social Security. The amendment will be debated today and tomorrow, and we hope to set a vote on or in relation to the Reid amendment for tomorrow, late in the afternoon, probably around 5:30 or so. But we have to get a final agreement on the exact time. All Senators will be notified as the votes are scheduled.

I thank my colleagues for their cooperation as we approach the Presidents Day recess.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

### BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of Senate Joint

Resolution 1, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 1) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget.

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

Pending:

Wellstone amendment No. 3, to state the policy of the United States that, in achieving a balanced budget, Federal outlays should not be reduced in a manner that disproportionately affects outlays for education, nutrition, and health programs for poor children.

### AMENDMENT NO. 3

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be 60 minutes for debate, to be equally divided in the usual form, prior to a vote on or in relation to the Wellstone amendment No. 3.

Mr. WELLSTONE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, yesterday I had a chance to speak for some time about this amendment and then Senator HATCH and I had a very honest exchange of views. Let me one more time just make clear to colleagues what this amendment says. This amendment says that if we are going to make a commitment by way of a constitutional amendment to balance the budget, then we go on record that the Federal outlays, as we do this, should not be reduced in a manner that disproportionately affects outlays for education, nutrition, and health programs for poor children.

Yesterday my colleague, Senator HATCH, said I was asking for an exemption. There is no request for an exemption. This is just simply a request for fairness, and it just simply says let us not lock ourselves into a very harsh set of priorities.

I also pointed out yesterday that in the last Congress, 93 percent of the cuts in entitlement programs were entitlement programs that affected poor

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