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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:

Almighty God, You have told us that to whom much is given, much shall be required. Today we thank You that You also have shown us that from whom much is required, much will be given. You never ask us to do more than You will provide the strength to accomplish. That's really good news, Father. Today is filled with problems to be solved and issues to be resolved. It is awesome to realize that You seek to do Your work through us. Help us to remember that this is Your Nation, and that we are here to serve You. Grant the Senators a special measure of Your wisdom for the challenges of this day. May they experience Your presence and receive Your guidance. Invade their minds with reignited conviction that they are chosen and called by You and fill their hearts with renewed courage to lead with vision and boldness. This is Your day Lord; show the way. Amen.

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the unfinished business.

The assistant 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:

Reid amendment No. 8, to require that the outlay and receipt totals of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds not be included as a part of the budget totals.

Mr. HATCH addressed the Chair.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able chairman of the Judiciary Committee is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I announce today that the Senate will resume consideration of Senator REID's amendment to Senate Joint Resolution 1, the balanced budget amendment. Debate is expected throughout the day on this amendment, with the vote occurring on or in relation to the Reid amendment at 6 p.m. today.

By previous agreement, at 2:10 p.m. today, the Senate will begin 5 minutes of closing remarks, followed by a roll-call vote on adoption of House Joint Resolution 36, the resolution regarding U.N. population control.

On Wednesday, the 26th, the Senate will debate Senator FEINSTEIN's amendment from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Following the vote at 11 a.m. on or in relation to the Feinstein amendment, Senator TORRICELLI will be recognized to offer an amendment relating to capital budgeting. Senator TORRICELLI's amendment is limited to 3 hours of debate.

I also remind Senators that on Thursday, February 27, at 10 a.m., there will be a joint meeting of Congress for an address by His Excellency Eduardo Frei, President of Chile. Members are asked to meet in the Senate Chamber at 9:40 a.m. to proceed as a group to the joint meeting.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

AMENDMENT NO. 8

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUTCHINSON). The pending question is amendment No. 8, offered by the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID]. The time between now and 12:30 is equally divided and controlled in the usual form.

Who yields time?

Mr. REID. Mr. President, unless my friend from Utah feels differently, I ask

unanimous consent that we initiate a quorum call and the time be charged equally against the two managers.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. THOMAS. I ask unanimous consent I be allowed to speak for a few minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is recognized.

Mr. REID. If I could interrupt my friend from Wyoming, I ask that the time of my friend from Wyoming be charged against the manager of the underlying amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is the regular order.

The Senator is recognized.

Mr. THOMAS. I shall be brief.

Continuing with this important discussion on the balanced budget amendment, I specifically, as was the case with most of us, spent last week in our home districts. I spent last week in Wyoming at town meetings in places like Sheridan, Buffalo, and Casper, to talk about what people think about what is happening here.

Of course, the balanced budget was one of the prime issues there, and continues to be. I think people are increasingly concerned about our lack of financial fiscal responsibility, of having 28 years without balancing the budget, of continuing to have a government that grows in size, continuing to spend more than we take in. I was persuaded, certainly from those who came to my town meetings, from those I talked to who say, "Look, you need to get this job done." They say, "You all collectively in Washington have been saying every year, yes, we will balance the budget, I want to balance the budget.

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