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Senate

The Senate met at 10 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:

Lord of light and truth, just as physical light makes objects visible in their real character, so the light of Your presence exposes everything in the moral and spiritual order in its true essence. In Your light we can see ourselves compared with Your absolute moral purity. What at first seems like an impossible standard becomes an undeniable source of strength.

Shine Your light into our inner selves, the well-springs of our motivations, attitudes, actions, and reactions. Expose anything that would hinder our effectiveness in serving You today. Then shine Your light of affirmation on the true person inside each of us who wants to throw caution and reserve aside and love and serve You with loyalty and faithfulness today. Thank You for liberating us to glorify You in all that we do today. In the name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until the hour of 12 noon to accommodate a number of Senators who have requested time to speak. By consent, at 12 noon the Senate will resume consideration of S. 104, the Nuclear Policy Act. And by previous consent, all remaining amendments that are in order to the bill must be offered and debated today. As previously an-

nounced, no rollcall votes will occur during today's session. Any votes ordered on the amendments will be stacked, and the votes will occur at 9 a.m. on Tuesday. I emphasize that for all Senators' information. The votes will begin at 9 a.m., and there will be a minimum I guess of three votes—probably three votes at that hour. Therefore, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 104 at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, and Senators can expect to begin voting at that time.

Senators can expect rollcall votes on Tuesday morning, and then following the disposition of this bill the Senate may turn to the Alexis Herman nomination to be the head of the Department of Labor, or legislation dealing with the chemical weapons ban.

Now, as it stands at this time we probably will not vote on the Alexis Herman nomination until Wednesday. We hope to get an agreement, or if we do not get an agreement our intent is to proceed, if we can, to S. 495, the Kyl-Helms and others bill, on Thursday relating to the chemical weapons issue. This is the bill. This is not the convention. And I would expect that that would take up most of the time on Thursday.

As always, we will notify Senators of the schedule and when anticipated votes will occur.

Again I would like to thank Senators on both sides of the aisle and both sides of the issue for their cooperation on the Nuclear Policy Act. I think we are doing the right thing by getting this legislation completed without undue delay, and voting on it so that the House can act. And I understand they do plan to act on this legislation within the next 30 days. We hope to get it to the President and hope for his signature.

TAXES AND ABUSES AT THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, also, I want to remind Senators again that

the American people are watching and waiting to see what we have to say, in fact, about what we are going to do about taxes in this country. Tomorrow is the day that we all have to pay the taxes we owe. And the feeling I had gotten when I was home is that people are very upset with the tax burden, both the size of it, how much is taken from them in taxes, the variety of ways that it is taken from them, the unfairness in what we take away from families with children that could do more for and want to do more for their children. Also it discourages savings and investments in the economy. And we even tax death. It is time for us to do something about it. And this is the week to do it.

We will have a number of comments and some votes tomorrow, in fact, on abuses at the Internal Revenue Service. When you have a computer system that has had millions of bucks spent on it that does not work, you have to ask, you know, how long can this go on, because we have provided millions of dollars. And also when you see that people are being fired for snooping through taxpayers' files, that is absolutely an unacceptable practice.

So we need to stop the abuses. Then we need to give some tax relief. And then we need to reform the entire system. At a very minimum, this year we should give working people of this country some tax relief. And it is my hope we will be able to do that.

We are going to be working with the administration, with the White House specifically, this week to see if we can come to an agreement on the tax cuts that we will have in our budget for this year. I hope we can reach an agreement. If we cannot, we will just have to proceed to a process that would allow us to get to a vote on this important issue this year.

Mr. President, I see no Senator seeking recognition at this time. I do believe that a couple Senators are on the way. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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