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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:

Holy Lord God, who has commanded Your people to have no other gods before You, we pray for the honesty to face any idols in our hearts that compete with You as absolute sovereign of our lives. We confess that sometimes we can slip into the idolization of the approval of people, the accolades our work can produce, the success that can become addictive, the human power that can become a seduction of the secondary.

As we begin this new day, we want to clear out the throne room of our hearts and evict all those things that clamor for the first place in our lives. We belong first, foremost, and always to You, and are here to glorify You by serving our Nation.

With our priorities clear, we pray in the words of William Cowper:

The dearest idol I have known
Whatever that idol be
Help me to tear it from Thy throne
And worship only Thee.
Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, Senator STEVENS of Alaska, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, this morning the Senate will resume consideration of S. 672, the supplemental appropriations bill. Under the order, there will be 30 minutes of debate, equally divided between myself and Senator BYRD, with the cloture vote occurring

on S. 672 following that debate. All Senators should anticipate that the vote will occur at approximately 10 a.m. this morning.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESCISSIONS ACT OF 1997

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume consideration of S. 672, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 672) making supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Reid/Baucus amendment No. 171, to substitute provisions waiving formal consultation requirements and "takings" liability under the Endangered Species Act for operating and repairing flood control projects damaged by flooding.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that it be in order to file second-degree amendments until 10 a.m. this morning.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ENZI). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Following that vote, additional amendments are expected to the supplemental appropriations bill. Rollcall votes will occur throughout today's session. It is the majority leader's intention to complete action on the bill as soon as possible, so Members who intend to offer amendments should be prepared to do so as soon as possible during today's session.

Mr. President, there are 109 amendments filed to this bill. I plead with the Senate to vote cloture on this bill so we will have a means of managing this bill. It is a disaster relief bill.

I now yield 5 minutes of the time allocated to me to Senator HAGEL for the purpose of making a statement as in morning business, and ask that the

statement appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD after the cloture vote.

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

Mr. HAGEL addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Nebraska.

(The remarks of Mr. HAGEL pertaining to the introduction of S. 709 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

AMENDMENT NO. 140

(Purpose: To modify eligibility for emergency rail assistance funds in the bill)

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], for Mr. BYRD, proposes an amendment numbered 140.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

On page 28, line 8, strike the words "in the Northern Plains states" and insert "in September 1996, and".

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, this modifies the eligibility for emergency rail assistance funds under the bill. It has been cleared on both sides.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

The amendment (No. 140) was agreed to.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. BYRD. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, later this morning, the Senate is going to

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