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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 God, help us to be ever mindful of Your presence in every moment of this day. May we practice Your presence by opening our minds to think Your thoughts. May this day be filled with surprises in which You intervene with solutions to our problems and with superlative strength that replenishes our limited endurance. Fill us with expectancy of what You will do in and through us today.

We claim Isaiah's promise, "You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You."—Isaiah 26:3. Stay our mind on You so that we may know Your lasting peace of mind and soul. You know how easily we can become distracted; often hours will pass without thought of You or Your will for our work. In those times, invade our minds and remind us that You are in charge and we are here to serve and please You.

Lord, keep our minds riveted on You throughout this day so that we may draw from Your unlimited wisdom for all that we do and say. Especially, we ask for Your guidance as discussion is completed and a final vote is taken on the budget. May our fiscal planning be in keeping with Your priorities for our Nation.

In the name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, the able Senator from New Mexico, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, today

the Senate will resume consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 27, the first concurrent budget resolution, with 13 hours of debate on the resolution remaining. As under the previous order, Senator MOSELEY-BRAUN will be recognized this morning to conclude debate on her amendment. Senators can expect a rollcall vote between 10:30 and 11 o'clock this morning. Following the disposition of the amendment just mentioned, the Senate will continue to work through the approximately 45 amendments which have been filed to the budget resolution. As the majority leader has indicated, it is his intention that the Senate conclude work on this resolution today. In regard to numerous amendments filed, it is our hope that each and every amendment filed will not require a vote. The Budget Committee has worked through the night, identifying amendments which can be worked out on both sides, therefore expediting this process immensely.

The majority leader has requested the cooperation of all Members in working with the Budget Committee and/or being prepared to debate their amendments during today's session of the Senate. As always, all Members will be notified as soon as any agreements are reached and votes scheduled. Also, before we recess tomorrow, the Senate will consider the CWC implementation bill with a short time agreement, as under the previous order.

I thank all Members for their attention.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 1306

Mr. DOMENICI. Before we begin, I understand that there is a bill at the desk that is due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWNBACK). The clerk will read the bill for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1306) to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to clarify the applicability of host State laws to any branch in such out-of-State bank.

Mr. DOMENICI. I object to further proceedings on this matter at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the budget resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 27) setting forth the Congressional budget for the U.S. Government for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

The Senate resumed consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Pending:

Murray-Wellstone amendment No. 291, to express the sense of the Congress concerning domestic violence.

Inhofe amendment No. 301, to create a point of order against any budget resolution for fiscal years after 2001 that causes a unified budget deficit for the budget year or any of the 4 fiscal years following the budget year.

Hollings amendment No. 302, to express the sense of the Senate that the Highway Trust Fund should not be taken into account in computing the deficit in the budget of the United States.

Hollings amendment No. 303, to express the sense of the Senate that the Airport and Airway Trust Fund should not be taken into account in computing the deficit in the budget of the United States.

Hollings amendment No. 304, to express the sense of the Senate that the Military Retirement Trust Funds should not be taken into account in computing the deficit in the budget of the United States.

Hollings amendment No. 305, to express the sense of the Senate that the Civil Service Retirement Trust Funds should not be taken into account in computing the deficit in the budget of the United States.

Hollings amendment No. 306, to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund should not be taken into account in computing the deficit in the budget of the United States.

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