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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:

Almighty God, Sovereign of this Nation and Lord of our lives, in each period of our history, You have blessed us with great leaders who have exemplified love for You and dedication to our country. Today we celebrate such a man. Thank You for STROM THURMOND. By Your grace he has become a legend in his own time, not just for the quantity, but also for the quality of years of service here in the Senate. On May 25, we all were moved by the fact that this distinguished Senator became the longest serving Senator in the Nation's history. Today we join with all Americans in gratitude for 41 years, 10 months of faithful leadership. You have blessed him to be a blessing to his beloved South Carolina and to the Nation as a whole through the decades. We cherish our friendship with him and admire his patriotism. And Lord, he's pressing on with the drumbeat of Your spirit beating out the cadences of his indefatigable commitment to the American dream.

Father, we thank You for Senator THURMOND's intellect, keen grasp of issues, courage to speak his convictions, and untiring loyalty to his Senate assignments. We marvel at his health, vigor, resiliency, and stamina. But most of all, we praise You for the personal ways he has inspired each of us. He's an affirmer who spurs us on by his words of encouragement. Your spirit of caring and concern for individuals shines through this remarkable man.

Gracious God, may the love and esteem we express this morning spur on the Senator in his leadership for years to come. Through Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT of Mississippi, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, this morning, until the hour of 12:30 p.m., the Senate will honor the service of our President pro tempore, Senator THURMOND, as the longest serving Member of the Senate. By previous consent, from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m., the Senate will be in recess to allow for the weekly policy luncheons to meet, and, at 2:15 p.m., the Senate will immediately resume consideration of S. 4, the Family Friendly Workplace Act, with amendments being offered throughout the day to that legislation.

Therefore, Senators can expect roll-call votes throughout today's session of the Senate as we make progress on this most important legislation.

I want to commend the Senator from Missouri for the time that he has spent on this legislation, and I look forward to further debate and amendments that may be offered.

A cloture motion was filed yesterday on the pending amendments to S. 4. So Members can anticipate a cloture vote on Wednesday morning.

As always, Members will be notified accordingly as any votes are ordered with respect to this legislation, or other legislation.

Also, under the provisions of rule XXII, Senators have until the hour of 12:30 p.m. today in order to file first-degree amendments to the substitute amendment to S. 4.

It is my hope also that the Senate will conclude action on the concurrent budget resolution and the supplemental appropriations conference report this week. We do not have an exact time yet for those two but we ex-

pect that they would come up Wednesday and Thursday, one or the other, as soon as they are available, with the budget resolution conference report being one that we will take up first—hopefully tomorrow.

I appreciate all Senators' cooperation in this.

ORDER FOR PRINTING OF SENATE DOCUMENT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that tributes to Senator THURMOND be printed as a Senate document.

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

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 867

Mr. LOTT. I understand there is a bill at the desk due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 867) to promote the adoption of children in foster care.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I object to further proceedings on this matter at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the Calendar of General Orders.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR STROM THURMOND

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the distinguished senior Senator from South Carolina.

This is a very special occasion for the Senate, as we take this time to honor the longest serving Member of this body in history.

Senator THURMOND is an institution within this institution. Among the

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