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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:

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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American people, he is probably one of the best known—and most recognized—Members of the Senate, every morning opening the Senate dutifully here; almost every day when we open. On rare occasions he is not in the chair. And within this congressional family, he holds a place of respect that is truly unique. I have been honored to serve with him, privileged to learn from him, and proud to call him my friend.

If the Senate had a Mount Rushmore, STROM would be on it.

As my colleagues know, Senator THURMOND's stature in the Senate is not just a matter of longevity. It is a matter of accomplishment.

He was first elected to this body on November 2, 1954, as a write-in candidate, and remains to this day the only person elected to the Senate in that manner.

He has served here on both sides of the aisle, and in both the majority and the minority. But he will quickly tell you that the majority is better.

He has chaired both the Armed Services Committee and the Judiciary Committee, and he thereby has made an enduring contribution to both our Nation's security and our system of justice.

He has stood for causes that were popular and causes that were less so. He has been fearless in defending his views, and what may be more important, equally unafraid to change those views when convinced of the rightness of change.

I can remember some of his speeches here in the Senate. He holds the record for the longest speech in the history of the Senate. But I remember as a brand-new Senator, he was standing in this aisle here and giving the most vigorous speech in behalf of the need for a criminal law reform that I believe I have ever heard. It was magnificent.

When STROM THURMOND came to the Senate almost 42 years ago, he brought with him enough accomplishments already for a lifetime.

He had already been a State senator and circuit judge in his native beloved South Carolina. He had been Governor of the Palmetto State and had been the States Rights candidate for the Presidency in 1948.

Most telling of all, he had landed in Normandy on D-day with the 82d Airborne. Senator THURMOND has much to be proud of in his Senate career. But I doubt that any honors bestowed on him in the course of that career can rival the decorations he won in the Normandy landing: The Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster and the Bronze Star for Valor.

All of this, of course, is a matter of public record. But what the public generally does not know, however, is the personality and the fantastic character that Senator THURMOND brings to his work in the Senate.

I often wish I had his unflinching good humor, which, come to think of it, probably has something to do with his length of service here. He always comes

in ready to go to work with a smile on his face, as he did this very morning.

We all know firsthand how strongly he can argue his point, how fiercely he can defend his values, and how firmly he can put down an opponent who does not have the facts on his side.

But we also know how courteous he is when the debate is over, how generous he is even to those who do not reciprocate that conduct sometimes, and how respectful he has always been to this institution—and to every Member of this institution.

He has been a master of the Senate's rules, for he has always understood that those rules—frustrating and bothersome as they may often seem—are what sets the Senate apart as the most extraordinary legislative body in the world.

He has given so much to his country, in so many different ways, and yet he would resist any attempt on our part to thank him for his lifetime of dedication. For in this regard, Senator THURMOND is truly of the old school: He would rather thank his country for the chance to repay the honor of being an American. After all his years, after all those decades, that is the one appellation that best describes him. Though he has been a Democrat, a Dixiecrat, and a Republican, he has ever been and always will be, most of all, STROM THURMOND, proud American.

Thank you, Senator THURMOND for what you have done for your State, for your country, and for all of us as individuals.

I yield the floor.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 12:30 p.m. for continued tributes to the distinguished President pro tempore of the Senate.

Mr. ASHCROFT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR STROM THURMOND

SOUTH CAROLINA'S MARBLE MAN

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I rise to participate in this opportunity to celebrate the service of STROM THURMOND.

When Abraham Lincoln stood on the battlefield at Gettysburg to memorialize the outstanding service of those who had died there, he put it succinctly: "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

I do not suggest by my own remarks here this morning that my remarks are long to be remembered. But the service of STROM THURMOND is unforgettable, and is indelibly marked, not only in the history of the Senate but in the

States of this great Nation as a part of the development of the character of the United States of America.

"A nation reveals itself," said John Kennedy, "not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers." And so it is fitting that we should honor the service of STROM THURMOND. For long after his time in the Senate has ended—and the new millennium has begun—STROM will be remembered; not just for the elections that he won, but for the principles upon which he stood, the State he helped to transform, the party he helped to build.

For STROM, winning elections became a habit. From the time he ran his first campaign for Edgefield County superintendent to his most recent reelection, his record of electoral accomplishment is unparalleled in our time. The punditry and political operatives have been left to search for the secret to STROM's success. The answer is really quite simple. At its most basic, it is this: His word is his bond.

Whether giving up his seat in 1956 to run for reelection without the benefit of incumbency, or switching parties in 1964 to support Barry Goldwater, STROM has been true to himself and to the people he represents. He embodies the very essence of what it means to be a leader, "decid[ing] where he wants to go, figur[ing] out how to get there, and then do[ing] it."

But STROM has done more than just win the voters' hearts. He, along with Carroll Campbell, Governor Beasley, BOB INGLIS, and others, have helped take a State of low-country planters and usher them into the information age. Today, South Carolina stands as one of America's great success stories, part of the booming South Atlantic seaboard; its factories, office buildings, and airports are at the forefront of the Nation's economic growth. And through it all, STROM has been there.

Politically, this new South Carolina has also been moving—more than any other southern State—toward the Republican Party. And if ours is a movement of many mansions, then South Carolina is the house that STROM built. Under his watchful eye, the GOP has controlled the governorship since 1986 and wrested four of the State's six House seats from Democratic rule.

Until Senator THURMOND, most would have scoffed at the suggestion that a Republican could win statewide office. But then STROM joined the GOP, and the impossible became the possible. And so today, there are elephants in the cottonfields, and we have Senator THURMOND to thank more than any other.

Mr. President, in his lifetime Senator THURMOND has seen tragedy and triumph, known both midnight and high noon. At times, he has been a solitary figure seemingly at odds with the world. More often, however, he has stood for the national interest and the Nation has stood with him. And as South Carolina has flourished, so too,