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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 1997, at 10:30 a.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 12 noon, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Sovereign God, our help in all the ups and downs of life, all the triumphs and defeats of political life, and all the changes and challenges of leadership, You are our Lord in all seasons and for all reasons. We can come to You when life makes us glad or sad. There is no place or circumstance beyond Your control. Wherever we go You are there waiting for us. You already are at work with people before we encounter them, You prepare solutions for our complexities, and You are ready to help us to resolve conflicts even before we ask You. And so, we claim Your promise given through Jeremiah, "Call on Me, and I will answer you, and show great and mighty things you do not know."—Jeremiah 33:3.

God of win-win solutions, guide the Senators to discover Your answer for the present deadlock over the disaster relief bill. We thank You in advance for a divinely inspired resolution. In the name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

ORDERS FOR TODAY

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I ask unanimous consent that the routine requests through the morning hour be granted, and the Senate then be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak up to 10 minutes, with the following exceptions: Senator COVERDELL or his designee for 60 minutes, from the hour of 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Senator DASCHLE or his designee for 60 minutes, and Senator MURKOWSKI, for 20 minutes.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Reserving the right to object, and I do not think I will, I wonder whether the acting leader would amend his request to include Senator WELLSTONE for up to half an hour.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent Senator WELLSTONE be allowed to speak for up to 30 minutes.

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. For the information of all Members, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business to allow a number of Senators time to speak. The Senate may also take up any executive or legislative business cleared for action. As previously announced, if any votes are ordered today, they would be set aside, not to occur before 5 p.m. As always, all Members will be notified if and when any votes are scheduled.

I appreciate my colleagues' attention. I yield the floor.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate is in a period of morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I thank the Chair. Mr. President, I am not quite sure what the business of the Senate will be this week. I would be interested in knowing what the majority leader is planning.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Brian Ahlberg be permitted privileges of the floor.

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

DISASTER RELIEF

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I come to the floor and I think that other Senators will certainly be on the floor today, tomorrow, and as long as it takes, to speak about the disaster in my State and in the Dakotas and other States as well. I really come to the floor today to speak about a disaster, really a disaster on top of a disaster, because the disaster supplemental, which the Congress completed action on Thursday has still not been sent to the White House. There has been a disaster in our States and peoples lives have been devastated and they are waiting for additional Federal assistance.

Mr. President, there is the disaster that people are faced with in Minnesota and the Dakotas of having been

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