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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:

God of all nations, Father of every tribe, color, and tongue of humankind, You have created us to live at peace with one another in Your family. You have revealed to us Your desire that all Your children should be free to worship You. Here in America, freedom of religion is a basic fabric of our life. Sadly, this freedom is not enjoyed in so many places in our world. We are grieved by the shocking accounts of religious persecution. Prejudice expressed in hostility and then in hatred and violence exists throughout the world. Yesterday, millions joined in an International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. As we think of the needs, pain, and suffering inflicted on Christians because of their faith, we are reminded of all forms of intolerance over religion in the world. We remember the suffering of the Jews in this century. Forgive any prejudice in our own hearts and purge from us any vestige of imperious judgmentalism of people whose expression of faith in You differs from our own. We pray for tolerance in the human family. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today the Senate will resume consideration of S. 25, the pending campaign finance reform bill.

As a reminder to all Senators, no votes will occur during today's session of the Senate. The next vote will occur

11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 30, on the motion to invoke cloture on the Coats amendment regarding scholarships. That amendment is to the District of Columbia appropriations bill, which is the last appropriations bill that we need to pass through the Senate for this fiscal year. It is hoped that the Senate will be able to complete action on the D.C. appropriations bill on Tuesday, although there are still some amendments that are being negotiated that could require more time, maybe even another cloture vote. I hope it will be worked out, though. Also during Tuesday's session of the Senate, the Senate will consider the continuing resolution. As Members are aware, we have been able to make good progress on the appropriations bills, so it is hoped that the continuing resolution and the remaining appropriations conference reports can be acted upon in a timely manner. We don't know of any problem with the continuing resolution. We think and we hope that it will be a clean CR, with a limited amount of time for debate, although we have not worked out those details yet. I will discuss it with the minority leader and we will advise the Members as to how much time would be required there.

With those things in mind, Members can anticipate votes throughout the day on Tuesday. With regard to the pending campaign finance reform bill, I encourage all Members to come to the floor and participate in this important debate. We will have time throughout this week, even though we will, of course, be affected, regarding how much time we can use toward the end of the week on this debate, by the Jewish religious holiday. We still need to work with those that would be needing leave to go to their respective States, as to how we will deal with that on Thursday and Friday. We will work that out.

As I announced last week, there will be no votes after 1 p.m. on Wednesday in observance of the Jewish holiday.

However, the Senate will remain in session as is necessary in order for Members to fully debate S. 25. Still, we will need to talk about exactly how we will do that to make sure we are not inconveniencing any Senator that would need to be away for the Jewish holiday who would also like to be involved in that debate. We will work that through as the week goes on.

Mr. President, I believe now we are ready for the reporting of S. 25 by the clerk and the modification by Senator MCCAIN.

### BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT OF 1997

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KYL). Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 25 which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 25) to reform the financing of Federal elections.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to ask the majority leader a question before I send a modification to the desk. Maybe I can discuss this with him on the floor.

It is not clear to me as to what his plans are for the following week. I understand tomorrow is taken up with conference reports and other business. As he said, we would go back on Wednesday to debate S. 25 with the modification. And then would it be his intention to begin votes later this week, or the following week? I know it is a little hard to tell, but I wonder if maybe we should have some discussion off the floor on this issue.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if the Senator will yield so that I may make a comment on that, I hope, first, that we will have some time on Tuesday of this week, before or after, during some of the votes that may be occurring on the continuing resolution, as well as the

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