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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Dr. David Burr, Pastor Emeritus, First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, NC. Incidentally, he is the father of Congressman RICHARD BURR. We are very pleased to have you with us.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Dr. David Burr, Pastor Emeritus, First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, NC, offered the following prayer:

May I remind ladies and gentlemen, today there will be an eclipse of the Sun in the United States. We are always praying for light.

Let us bow our heads before Almighty God.

O God of light, the giver of every good and perfect gift. Our prayer today is that You will break through the darkness of our lives; that You will shatter the barriers of our blindness with the splendor of Your wisdom and presence.

In the beginning, You created the light that leads to green pastures and still waters; You gave us the wisdom to walk in truth and to live in peace with one another.

But, Father, we confess that our minds and hearts are so limited to our selfish ways, that we do not always heed that light. We confess that sometimes we prefer to linger in the shadows and in the darkness.

But make today the beginning of a new adventure for our lives and for the Senate of the United States. Guide us in all our ways and flood this place with the splendor of Your light.

And we will rejoice and we will give praise to you forever and ever. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Oklahoma is recognized.

GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, first, I compliment our guest Chaplain for a beautiful prayer, a wonderful way to start the day. I hope this body will have its Chamber flooded with the light of our Lord. So, thank you very much for a great opening.

SCHEDULE

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, this morning there will be 1 hour for morning business to be followed by two consecutive cloture votes. The first cloture vote will be on the McCain-Feingold amendment and will begin at approximately 11 a.m., to be followed by a cloture vote on the underlying bill, S. 1663. Following those two votes, Members can anticipate a period for morning business for Senators to make statements and introduce legislation. It is hoped later this afternoon that the Senate will be able to begin consideration of the ISTEAL legislation, the highway bill. Subsequently, additional rollcall votes are possible this afternoon. As a reminder to all Members, there will be two back-to-back rollcall votes at approximately 11 a.m. this morning.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senators have until 11 a.m. in order to file second-degree amendments as under section 22.

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

Mr. NICKLES. I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

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 11 a.m., with the time for debate to be equally divided and controlled by the two leaders or their designees.

Mr. FAIRCLOTH addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Thank you, Mr. President.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DAVID BURR, GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, it is a distinct pleasure for me this morning to introduce our guest Chaplain and to say a few words about him, a fellow North Carolinian and really the State's most distinguished minister, Dr. David Burr.

It is also an honor to welcome his son and my colleague, Congressman RICHARD BURR, who has also become a leader in the Congress of this country. He serves the fifth district of North Carolina, which is pretty much centered on Winston-Salem. We welcome Congressman BURR and his family.

Dr. Burr was educated at the University of Wisconsin and Princeton Theological Seminary. He received a Doctor of Divinity from Davidson College. In 1963, Dr. Burr came to Winston-Salem, NC, where he began and continued a long career serving the people of Forsyth County, and I mean all the people of Forsyth County, not just

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