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Senate

The Senate met at 10 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:

Dear God, righteous, holy Judge of us all, we are accountable to You. Every word we speak and action we take is heard and seen by You. Remind us that You bless those who humble themselves and put their trust in You completely. There's no limit to what You will do for a country and its leaders if You are glorified as Sovereign.

May the knowledge of Your blessings to our Nation bring a deeper commitment to You. We want our motto, "In God we trust" to be more than an egregious exaggeration. Begin a spiritual awakening in us that will spread throughout our Nation. You have told us, "Where there is no vision the people perish . . ."—Proverbs 29:18. And we remember Thomas Jefferson's warning, "God who gave us life, gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gifts of God?" With these words ringing in our souls, grant the Senators and all of us who work with them the courage to reaffirm You as Lord to whom we are responsible for the moral, spiritual, and cultural life of America. In the name of our Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I announce that this morning the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 11 a.m. At 11 a.m., the Senate will

resume consideration of S. 1173, the ISTEALIA legislation. By previous agreement, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. the Senate will recess for the weekly policy luncheons to meet.

It is hoped that at 2:30 p.m. the commerce amendment will be offered. Therefore, Members can anticipate debate on that amendment this afternoon. In addition, the Senate may consider any executive or legislative business cleared for action. As always, Members will be notified when rollcall votes are scheduled.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. BROWNBACK). There will now be a period for the transaction of morning business.

The Senator from Georgia is recognized.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Senator COVERDELL and Senator FEINSTEIN pertaining to the submitted S.J. Res. 42 and S.J. Res. 43 are located in today's RECORD under "Submission of Concurrent and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. FEINGOLD addressed the Chair. The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Wisconsin. Under a previous order, the Senator from Wisconsin is recognized for up to 15 minutes.

Mr. FEINGOLD. I thank the Chair. (The remarks of Mr. FEINGOLD pertaining to the submission of legislation are located in today's RECORD under "Submission of Concurrent and Senate Resolutions.")

Mr. WELLSTONE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Minnesota.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, are we in morning business for 10 more minutes?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. We are in morning business until 11 o'clock.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I ask unanimous consent that I be able to speak for 10 minutes in morning business.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator has that right under the previous order.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I am sorry?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator has that right under the previous order.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I didn't know whether other people were in order to speak and I was bumping someone out.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Minnesota has been recognized to speak for up to 10 minutes.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I will be on the floor at 11 o'clock with an amendment to the ISTEALIA legislation, but let me pick up on comments I made yesterday on the floor of the Senate about a resolution that Senator MACK from Florida and I have submitted dealing with the whole question of human rights in China.

There is an editorial today in the Washington Post—and I think it is a very important editorial—called "A Choice on China." I ask unanimous consent to have that printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the editorial was ordered to be printed in the RECORD as follows:

A CHOICE ON CHINA

The Clinton administration long ago abandoned human rights as a primary consideration in dealing with China, but it claimed an intention at least to continue speaking out on the issue. The substance of U.S.-China relations—in other words, trade, military contacts, high-level summits—would go forward no matter what abuses China's leaders committed against their own people, but the United States would, in Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's famous phrase, "tell it like it is" nonetheless. Now, however, it

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