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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TIM HUTCHINSON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas.

PRAYER

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

Gracious Father, You have created us to love You. The words of the Bible admonish us to love You by giving thanks. Thanksgiving is the memory of our hearts. Today, our hearts overflow with memories of Your goodness to our Nation, Your grace to each of us, and Your guidance in the decision-making challenges of leadership. When we review our nation's brief history, we have been not only a Nation under God but a Nation under Your watchful, providential care. We renew our trust in You as the Sovereign of our Nation and the generous benefactor of the prosperity and blessings of our land.

As individuals, we think of all You have done for us. You are the source of our gifts, the One who has opened doors of opportunity for us and given us exactly what we have needed to live faithfully and obediently for Your glory.

Thanks be to You, Lord, for this Senate and for the powers You have entrusted to it for the progress of our Nation toward Your goals. Engender in the Senators a renewed sense of profound gratitude for Your call to serve, through the voice of the people. We join with the Senators in thanksgiving for the privilege of serving. May gratitude be our controlling attitude as we receive a new aptitude to work today with joy and delight. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The bill clerk read as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 10, 1998.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM HUTCHINSON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. HUTCHINSON thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will resume consideration of the pending transit amendment to S. 1173, the highway bill. It is hoped that the Senate will be able to make considerable progress on the numerous amendments that have been offered and filed in regard to the highway legislation throughout today's session.

As earlier announced, the majority leader, after consultation with the Democratic leader, will announce when the previously filed cloture vote on a modified substitute amendment to S. 1173 will occur. By unanimous consent, the Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly policy luncheons to meet. Members should anticipate a busy voting day with votes continuing into the evening as the Senate attempts to make progress on this important legislation.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1997

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 1173, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1173) to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 1676).

Pending:

D'Amato amendment No. 1931 (to amendment No. 1676) to reauthorize the mass transit programs of the Federal Government.

AMENDMENT NO. 1931

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of amendment No. 1931.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, the pending amendment, the mass transit portion of the highway bill, is one that has been carefully crafted, one that has increased transit in proportion to the needs of our country. I can say quite candidly that there are not sufficient funds to meet all of those needs. Indeed, that is one of the problems that we have attempted to deal with, recognizing the budget constraints that we have.

Now, let me say we have pending before the Senate from our colleagues on both sides of the aisle well over \$15 billion in requests for new transit starts. They come from all over the country. They come from California, they come from Colorado, they come from Utah,

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