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The Senate met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Dr. G. Gil Watson, of Northside United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA, offered the following prayer:

O God you are the Author of action. You breathed into Your creation, and life resulted. You spoke, and the world came into being. You have led Your children from bondage into freedom over and over again. We praise Your name for this great Nation and for the men and women of action who have paid the last full measure to devotion so that we might live in a free land.

We long for a time when Your promises come true and You fulfill Your dreams of justice and mercy for all humankind. Break down the walls that divide us; trample the prejudices that separate us; and part the seas of doubt that confuse us. Help us to move toward a wealth not dependent on possessions, toward a wisdom not based on books, toward a strength not bolstered by might.

Move across this Senate with the breath of Your Spirit so that the women and men of this Senate will find inspiration in servanthood. You endowed each one of them with the unique abilities they possess and a desire to serve. Protect them with Your might. Surround them with Your peace, and send the wind of Your Spirit into this Senate Chamber so that they will be wise in Your ways.

Breathe on us, breath of God. Fill us with life anew that we may love as You love and do what You would do. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT of Mississippi, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President.

We want to extend our thanks this morning for the guest Chaplain's prayer, and we are delighted to have him as our guest in the Chamber this morning.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the Senate will resume now the consideration of the Craig amendment, numbered 2316, pending to the NATO enlargement treaty. Under the previous order, the time until 12 o'clock noon will be equally divided for debate on the Craig amendment. At 12:00 noon, Senator MOYNIHAN will offer an amendment regarding the European Union under a 1-hour time agreement. Following that debate, Senator WARNER will be recognized to offer an amendment relating to a 3-year pause under a 2-hour time agreement.

At the hour of 3 o'clock this afternoon, the Senate will proceed to three consecutive stacked rollcall votes. The first vote will be on or in relation to the Moynihan amendment, to be followed by a vote on Senator WARNER's amendment, to be followed by a vote on Senator CRAIG's amendment. These are three very important and very critical amendments. I hope the Senators will be able to listen to the debate and be here for the votes at 3 p.m. I hope all three amendments will be defeated. I will speak on that briefly in a moment.

I remind my colleagues that last night we reached a unanimous consent agreement which limits amendments to the treaty. I know the chairman and the ranking member have been working hard to see that many of these amendments can be accepted or worked out in a way they can be accepted without a rollcall vote. As for those amendments that cannot be accepted by voice vote, I urge those Senators to work with the managers on the treaty to consider their amendments this afternoon under short time agreements. I think there are only two or

three that are still sort of in that category. I hope that Senators will be reasonable.

We have had a good debate, I think a high level of debate, on this important treaty issue. Senators have been able to make their case. Amendments have been considered, and others are being considered today. I think it is time we vote. We know the substance. We have had many, many hearings. We know the arguments. Let's bring it to a conclusion.

I hope that no Senator will be dilatory in bringing up his or her amendment this afternoon. Bring amendments up quickly with a short time agreement so we can complete that vote tonight. It is time to vote. There are a number of Senators who would like to see this completed at a reasonable hour so they can attend to other very important matters, including a bipartisan delegation that is going overseas to see if some of our allies will not be more helpful to us in covering the costs of our Persian Gulf efforts with regard to Iraq. This is a very, very important trip. It has been encouraged by the joint leadership. I hope they can get away at a reasonable hour so they can maximize their time over the weekend.

In the remainder of the week, the Senate may consider the supplemental appropriations conference report. I spoke to the chairman this morning. He believes we will have that ready to be acted on by the Senate this afternoon. In addition, there is an agreement for consideration of S. 1186, long in the process of being developed and agreed to. That is the Work Force Development Partnership Act. We have a time agreement with some amendments in order in that time agreement.

I thank my colleagues for their cooperation in getting the lineup for the amendments this afternoon.

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