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Senate

The Senate met at 11 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:

Gracious God, as we begin this new week, help us discover the power of resting in You and receiving the assurance and encouragement of Your amazing grace. You know our needs and are prepared to meet those needs with exactly the right gifts of Your Spirit. Thank You for being present, imbuing us with inspiration to lift our spirits, hovering over us with hope to press on. All through this week, there will be magnificent moments when we will overcome the temptation of trying to make it on our own strength and, instead, yield to the inflow of Your wisdom, insight, vision, and guidance. Our souls are meant to be containers and transmitters of Your power. Thank You in advance for an extraordinary week in which we are carried by Your presence rather than being bogged down trying to carry problems ourselves. In the Name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT of Mississippi, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this morning, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until noon. Following morning business, under a previous order, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 1723, the Abraham of Michigan immigration legislation. Any votes ordered with respect to the Abraham bill will be postponed to occur beginning at 5:45 this evening. We have

modified the time of the vote just a little to accommodate some Senators who will be coming in close to that time. So it will be 5:45 instead of the earlier indication of 5:30. It could involve one, two, or three votes, depending on how the amendments go during the day.

Following those votes, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 1415, the tobacco bill. Members should expect busy sessions every day this week as the Senate considers this important issue.

Also this week, the Senate may consider the ISTE A transportation conference report. I understand that the conferees have basically reached an agreement on the broad parameters, broad issues of the ISTE A transportation bill. They are running the numbers to make sure they have numbers that reflect what their agreements were. We hope to have a vote on that Thursday, or Friday at the latest. We may also consider the Coverdell A+ savings account conference report, if available.

The cooperation of all Senators will be necessary so that the Senate can complete its work prior to the Memorial Day recess. There will be ample opportunity for Senators to be heard this week, and there will be ample opportunity for Senators on either side of the aisle on the issues involved to be frustrated or to lose their temper perhaps. But I hope everybody will remain calm and be thoughtful in their debate. I believe we can proceed and get to a conclusion that will be acceptable to, hopefully, a large number of Senators in a bipartisan way.

I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SESSIONS). 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 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the Senator from North Dakota, Mr. DORGAN, is recognized to speak for up to 15 minutes.

THE TOBACCO LEGISLATION

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I thank the majority leader, Senator LOTT, for bringing the tobacco legislation to the floor of the Senate this week. He had indicated previously that he would do so, and he has kept that commitment. I think it will be helpful in this country to debate that issue this week on the floor of the Senate.

UNDERCUTTING OUR FAMILY FARMERS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to talk about an issue dealing with agriculture. Later this week, sometime this weekend, a boat will pull up at a dock in California loaded with 1.4 million bushels of European barley. This barley was sold into this country with a subsidy of well over \$1 a bushel. It is now being hauled from the European Union to the shores of the United States, deeply subsidized, unfair trade, undercutting our family farmers. It is an outrage, and it should not happen. We suggested that the sale be terminated when it was announced, but it was not. I suggest today that perhaps somebody ought to refuse to unload the barley when it reaches the shores of California.

Let me describe for a few moments why this is just a symbol of a very serious problem in the farm belt. I want to show a series of charts because I want the American people and my colleagues

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