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Senate

The Senate met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

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

God of hope, make us hopeful thinkers. Hope through us for Your best for the future of America. Often we are infected by negative thinking when we calculate the possible without Your power. Continued conflict over legislation can result in weariness.

We know that authentic hope is based on Your faithfulness and the memory of how You have intervened to help us in the past. Help us to take a backward look to Your past blessings, an upward look to Your grace, and a forward look to the future, expecting the ways You will help us solve problems and grasp potentials. You are a God of progress. You abhor plateaus; You make us bold to claim Your vision. Help the Senators to exemplify the uplifting strength of hope this week. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 2 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the tobacco bill. As a reminder to all Senators, any votes ordered today with respect to the bill will occur at 5 p.m. this evening. I believe there is one amendment that there may be a vote on. We should expect a vote at 5 o'clock, and it will probably be very close to 5 in order to accommodate Senators who will have

to leave shortly thereafter. It is expected that no more than two votes will be ordered today.

Pending is the amendment of Senator REED of Rhode Island regarding the deductibility of tobacco advertising. We hope to lock in that vote for 5. But we will notify Members if it is going to be any different from that. It is hoped that the next Republican amendment can also be offered today. The vote on that may follow the vote on the Reed amendment. But, again, that has not been locked in yet.

We may also attempt to reach an agreement with regard to the Higher Education Act. We made some progress on that last week. There are some concerns still pending. But we will have the committee chairman and the Members working on the Higher Education Act. We need to get that completed. We have extended the time for the loans and grants under that act for 90 days. We don't have the July 1 deadline that would cause the students not to get their loans and grants, but the program expires July 1. We need to try to get that legislation moved as soon as possible.

We also have the NASA authorization bill and the drug czar office reauthorization bill, as well as other legislation or Executive Calendar items that may be cleared for action.

Any votes with regard to other items on the tobacco bill will occur then on Tuesday morning at a time to be determined by the two leaders—probably around 9:30 or 10. But we will need to see if we have something ready by then.

The official photo for the 105th Congress will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, June 16, at 2:15 p.m. All Senators are asked to be in the Chamber and seated at their desk at that time. Again, at 2:15 tomorrow, Tuesday, we will take the official photograph. This is the best time, looking at everybody's schedules and illnesses that we have been having to work around. But we

want to get this done. We plan on doing it tomorrow.

One final point: We expect that the education conference report will be available one day this week—maybe Wednesday. That is the Coverdell A+ issue with some other parts that were added to it in the Senate. I believe this is a conference report that will have broad bipartisan support. We will take that up when the conference report is available.

Observing no Senator wishing to speak, I note the absence of a quorum. The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KYL). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 5 minutes therein.

THE TOBACCO BILL

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, we are getting into the tobacco wars again today. I know we have made some progress. I have seen in the last week several amendments adopted which I think are very important. As a long-time advocate of assuring full deductibility for

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