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## Senate

The Senate met at 9 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:

Blessed God, we are inspired by Daniel Webster's statement that the greatest conviction of his life was his accountability to You. We ponder that. How would we live today if our dominant thought throughout the day were to be our accountability to You. Help us to play our lives to an audience of One, to You, dear God, seeking first and foremost to please You. We've discovered that real freedom comes when we seek to glorify You and not ourselves, when we are more concerned about what You think of us than what others say about us, and when we are guided by Your truth more than the shifting opinions of others. May this be a day to press forward with resoluteness and resiliency. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 9:20 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will recess until 11 a.m. to allow the Senate to proceed as a body to the House Chamber for a joint meeting to receive an address by the President of Romania.

When the Senate reconvenes at 11 a.m., under the previous order there

will be 3 hours for debate equally divided on a Daschle amendment regarding marketing assistance loans. It is expected that some debate time will be yielded back, and therefore the first rollcall vote of today's session is expected to occur prior to 2 p.m. It is expected that the Senate will work late into the evening, with votes, in an effort to complete action on the agricultural appropriations bill.

As always, the Senate may also turn to the consideration of any other legislative or executive items cleared for action.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for morning business.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, as under the previous order, I would like to take my 5 minutes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is recognized.

### THANKING THE SENATOR FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, first of all, I would like to extend my deep appreciation to the President pro tempore, the Senator from South Carolina, for coming in earlier than the usual hour this morning. I am grateful to him. And I am also very pleased to have the opportunity to be working with the Senator from South Carolina as we move forward on completion of the very important Strom Thurmond defense authorization bill. I am eternally grateful to him for the many kindnesses he has extended to me, now for more years than he and I would like to recount.

### INTERNET SCHOOL FILTERING ACT

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, in today's USA Today there is an article

which states there is a possibility that on a live site, a web site—and I emphasize "possibility"; that is being advertised—that two 18-year-olds will have sex live on the Internet on August 4.

It also noted that there is considerable doubt about the validity of this web site and, in fact, the entire site may be a hoax. For the sake of this Nation, I hope it is nothing but a hoax. If it is, it is neither clever nor humorous, and if it is not, then something has to be done, I think, to protect our children from witnessing this event.

Again, I want to emphasize, I hope that this is a hoax and nothing more. But what it does is highlight the problem that exists concerning the proliferation of pornography on the Internet, some of that pornography being child pornography and some of it being the kind of obscenity that the U.S. Supreme Court has stated is beyond constitutional protections.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the article in this morning's USA Today be printed in the RECORD. It is entitled "Net to break ground in virgin territory; But many suspect site is hoax."

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

[From USA Today, July 15, 1998]

NET TO BREAK GROUND IN VIRGIN TERRITORY—BUT MANY SUSPECT SITE IS HOAX  
(By Karen Thomas)

Thought a woman giving birth on the Internet was outrageous?

Now a Web site is saying it will broadcast a couple, purported to be 18-year-old virgins named Mike and Diane, having sex for the first time Aug. 4.

But many posting messages on the site were skeptical. "This page is a money-making hoax," wrote one visitor. "Mike and Diane are 36-year-old porn stars."

Visitors also noted that the couple, pictured in bathing suits with faces obscured, looked too perfect and well-developed to be average 18-year-olds. Other details sounded like a soap opera script: They haven't told their parents their plans; one father is a minister; the teens are both honor students

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