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Senate

The Senate met at 10:31 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, Sovereign of America, source of our strength, motive of our unity, and basis of our commitment to serve in Government, we praise You for the privilege of living in this land of freedom and opportunity. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this cruel, crucial hour of history. Inspire us with vision as we confront the enemies of despotism and terrorism in the world today.

On this day of the State of the Union Address by our President, we ask for Your special blessing on him in this strategic time in history. We renew our loyalty to him as our President, our attentiveness to listen to his vision, and our thoughtful reflection on his convictions on the awesome issues before our Nation and our terrorist-troubled world.

When the President stands before the Joint Session of Congress and the Nation, clear the prayer channels as we join with Americans everywhere in intercession for Your divine guidance for him. Be with the Senators as they live out their primary dedication to You, their patriotism for America, and their creative debate on the national and international soul-sized issues confronting our Nation. Bless our President and both Houses of Congress on this important day. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable LARRY E. CRAIG, a Senator from the State of Idaho, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. CORNYN). The majority leader.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today the Senate will be conducting morning business to allow Senators to speak and to introduce legislation. Under the previous order, at 12:30 p.m., the Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party lunches. As previously announced, there will be no rollcall votes today.

This evening, the President will deliver his State of the Union Address. I ask all Members to be in the Senate Chamber by 8:30 p.m. so we can proceed as a body to the House Chamber for the President's speech which will begin promptly at 9 p.m.

For the remainder of the week, the Senate will consider any legislative or executive matters that become available. There may be some additional nominations that are reported by the committees of jurisdiction, and it is my hope that the Senate will be able to act on those nominations in a timely way.

In addition, it will be necessary to act on a further continuing resolution this week. Therefore, rollcall votes are possible this week.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the morning business time ordered for today be divided as follows: The time from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. be under Republican control; the time from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. be under Democratic control. I further ask unanimous consent that upon reconvening from the party lunches recess, the time from 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. be under Democratic control; the time from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. be under Republican control; finally, that the time from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. be equally divided between the two parties.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, can we modify the request so that we lock in which Democrats expect to be here? Some of the times are more than 10 minutes, so we will need to ask unanimous consent to do that. I will go over that now with the consent of the Republican leader: From 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Senator DURBIN; 11:45 a.m. to 12 noon, Senator BOXER; from 12 noon to 12:15 p.m., Senator STABENOW; from 12:15 p.m. to 12:30 p.m., Senator BIDEN; from 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., Senator KENNEDY will be in control of the time. There will be some other Senators who will speak, but Senator KENNEDY will allot the time. From 2:45 p.m. to 3:05 p.m., Senators BOXER and JEFFORDS; from 3:05 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., Senator SCHUMER.

This throws morning business off by 15 minutes. If the leader wants to take 15 minutes for the Republicans at 5 o'clock, that will be appropriate, but from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Senators DAYTON and DORGAN control that time.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, the reason there is some discussion is that we do need to be out of the Chamber by 5 o'clock to prepare for this evening; so if we can have some modification of the time—

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the note I was given had the wrong time. It will be from 4:45 p.m. to 5 p.m., Senator DAYTON.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the majority leader so modify his request?

Mr. FRIST. I so modify my request.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, over the course of the week, as I mentioned, we will likely have votes. We will be dealing with the continuing resolution and, I am very hopeful, nominations as they come forward.

With respect to Friday, I expect there to be no rollcall votes, and we

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