

**SENATE—Wednesday, June 23, 1999**

The Senate met at 9:30 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, You are more willing to bless and guide us than we are to ask for Your help. Forgive that obstinance in us that resists Your intervention and inspiration with "I'd rather do it myself!" independence. Father, enable us to be open to receive Your wisdom, vision, and direction. We know in our hearts that we were never meant to make it on our own. When You step in to assist us, things just go better, problems are resolved, and relationships are more open, real, and mutually encouraging. Grant us the courage to admit our need for You and make this day one of consistent awareness of Your eternal presence in everything. You are Lord of all and come to aid us in our problems—big and small. Thank You, dear God. 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, today the Senate will resume consideration of the agriculture appropriations bill. Amendments are expected to be offered, and it is my hope the Senate can consider agriculture-related amendments during today's session of the Senate. All Senators can therefore expect rollcall votes throughout the session.

As a reminder, there will be no votes on Friday, June 25. However, votes are expected very likely into the evening on Thursday in an effort to complete action on the important agriculture appropriations bill.

I might also say that Senator DASCHLE and I are in the process of exchanging some suggestions of how we might further consider the Patients' Bill of Rights issue.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator INHOFE be permitted to speak in morning business for up to 30 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ALLARD). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. I yield the floor.

## RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

## ORDER OF PROCEDURE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair now recognizes the Senator from Oklahoma for 30 minutes.

Mr. INHOFE. I thank the Chair.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, will the Senator yield for just a brief question? The Senator, as he knows, is recognized for 30 minutes. I would like to ask that 30 minutes be reserved on this side as well.

Mr. INHOFE. Reserving the right to object.

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

Mr. INHOFE. I am reserving the right to object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Was there a reservation on the request?

Mr. INHOFE. Yes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. INHOFE. I am still reserving the right to object.

Mr. KENNEDY. I will withdraw the request for the moment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The request is withdrawn. The Senator from Oklahoma is now recognized.

Mr. INHOFE. I thank the Chair.

Mr. KENNEDY. I apologize to the Senator. If I could make that request—

Mr. INHOFE. I object.

Mr. KENNEDY. I think the matter has been cleared.

Mr. INHOFE. All right. No objection.

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

The Senator from Oklahoma is again recognized.

## THE CLINTON NATIONAL SECURITY SCANDAL AND COVERUP

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask that you listen again. I am going to pick up on the incredible but true story of the Clinton administration's betrayal of national security and the scandalous coverup that continues as we speak. In doing so, I fully realize that the majority of Americans will not believe me. They have continued to believe our President even after he has demonstrated over and over that he has no regard for the truth.

Though you would never realize it by listening to the national media or the Clinton spin doctors, the recently released Cox Report has revealed a

wealth of information on how the Clinton administration has undermined national security to simultaneously pursue its misguided foreign policies and self-serving domestic political agendas.

On the one hand, there is the mind-boggling story of how the Clinton administration deliberately changed almost 50 years of bipartisan security policies—relaxing export restrictions, signing waivers to allow technology transfers, ignoring China's violation of arms control agreements, and its theft of our nuclear secrets, opening up even more nuclear and high technology floodgates to China and others—thus harming U.S. national security.

On the other hand, there is the continuing coverup—the effort to hide from Congress and the American people the true damage that has been done to national security and the Clinton administration's central role in allowing so much of it to happen on their watch.

Over three months ago—on March 15—I spoke on this floor about China's theft of the W-88 nuclear warhead. To remind you, this is the crown jewel of our nuclear arsenal. It is the warhead that has 10 times the explosive power of the bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima and yet just a fraction its size. I spoke about how serious this was to our national security—how it was a story with life and death implications for millions of Americans.

I told how President Clinton was directly responsible for downplaying the significance of and covering up this story. While the information on the W-88 design—the crown jewel of our nuclear arsenal—was stolen in the late 1980's, the theft was first discovered in 1995 by this administration. So people remember, it was the Chinese walk-in informant to the CIA that gave us all this information. I told how it was this administration and this President who deliberately covered up this vital information from Congress and the American people and, at the same time, lulled our people into a false sense of security by repeating the lie that there were no nuclear missiles targeted at America's children.

At that time, I spoke of six proven incontrovertible facts, and let me repeat them now:

1. President Clinton hosted over 100 campaign fundraisers in the White House, many with Chinese connections.

2. President Clinton used John Huang, Charlie Trie, Johnny Chung, James Riady, and others with strong Chinese ties to raise campaign money.

3. President Clinton signed waivers to allow his top campaign fundraiser's aerospace company to transfer U.S. missile guidance technology to China.