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The Senate met at 11:01 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

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

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Forgive our feverish ways . . .
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Your peace.*—Whittier.

In this time of prayer, we claim the assurance given through Isaiah. You promise to keep us in perfect peace if we allow You to stay our minds on You. This is the peace we need today. The conflict and tension of these days threaten to rob us of peace in our souls. It is easy to catch the emotional virus of frustration and exasperation, criticism and consternation, party spirit and quid pro quo manipulation.

Then we remember that Your peace is the healing antidote that can survive any circumstance. Give us the peace of a trusting and committed mind guided by Your Spirit. May Your deep peace flow into us, calming our impatience and flow from us to others claiming Your inspiration. In the name of the Prince of Peace who whispers in our souls, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."—John 14:27. May this be a great day of working cooperatively to finish the work of the 106th Congress for Your glory and the good of America. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable GEORGE V. VOINOVICH, a Senator from the State of Ohio, 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 ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. VOINOVICH). The able acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, speaking on behalf of the leader, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m. today, with Senators DURBIN and THOMAS in control of the time. At 12:30, the Senate will recess until 2:15 for the weekly party conferences to meet. The House is expected to consider the continuing resolution this morning and the conference report to accompany the foreign operations appropriations bill this afternoon.

Therefore, the Senate will begin its consideration of those bills as soon as they become available. It is expected that the final votes regarding S. 2508, the Ute Indian water rights bill, will be this afternoon. Senators should be prepared to vote beginning around 4:30 this afternoon and throughout the remainder of the week in an effort to complete all business by the end of the week.

The leader thanks all Senators for their attention to this schedule.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the 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 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

The Senator from Alaska.

DAIRY MARKET ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2000

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Agriculture Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 2773, and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2773) to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to enhance dairy markets through dairy product mandatory reporting, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 4340

Mr. STEVENS. Senator CRAIG has an amendment at the desk, and I ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], for Mr. CRAIG, proposes an amendment numbered 4340.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Dairy Market Enhancement Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. DAIRY PRODUCT MANDATORY REPORTING.

The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"Subtitle C—Dairy Product Mandatory Reporting

"SEC. 271. PURPOSE.

"The purpose of this subtitle is to establish a program of information regarding the marketing of dairy products that—

"(1) provides information that can be readily understood by producers and other market participants, including information with respect to prices, quantities sold, and inventories of dairy products;

● This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a member of the Senate on the floor.