

**SENATE—Thursday, October 26, 2000***(Legislative day of Friday, September 22, 2000)*

The Senate met at 9:30 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:

Almighty God, source of strength for tired bodies, stressed out emotions, and strained minds, we pray for the Senators and their staffs as they press on to the goal of finishing the work of this 106th Congress. Infuse them with star-spangled patriotism that will give them the second wind of Your divine energy, resiliency, and endurance. Remind them that You called them here to be servant leaders, promised Your hour-by-hour replenishment, and assured them that You would never leave nor forsake them in demanding times. May they turn to You constantly throughout this day. As they draw on Your wisdom, give them insight and discernment; as they depend on Your Spirit, grant them patience; as they receive Your peace, set them free of anxiety and tension; as they invite You to guide them, show them workable solutions and creative compromises. And now, as they run for the finish line, help them cheer on each other, rather than tripping up each other. Grant these leaders Your help from above, Your unfailing encouragement, and Your undying love. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MIKE CRAPO, 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 ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

## SCHEDULE

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I announce for the information of all Senators, it is hoped that the Senate can begin consideration of the Older Americans Act under a time agreement this morning. Until an agreement can be reached, the

Senate will be in a period of morning business with Senator BRYAN to be recognized at 11 a.m. and Senator DOMENICI to be recognized at 11:30 a.m.

Following morning business, it is hoped the Senate can resume consideration of the Older Americans Act, with votes expected on two Gregg amendments as well as a vote on final passage. The House is expected to consider the D.C. appropriations conference report, the tax bill, and a continuing resolution today. Therefore, Senators can expect votes during this afternoon's session.

I thank my colleagues for their attention on this matter.

Let me also at this point, on behalf of the majority leader, propound a unanimous consent.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST—  
H.R. 782

Mr. DEWINE. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of H.R. 782, regarding the Older Americans Act, and it be considered under the following terms: 30 minutes for debate on the bill equally divided in the usual form; that the only amendments in order be the following: One amendment offered by Senator GREGG relating to title V, which would be 2 hours equally divided for that particular amendment, and an additional amendment offered by Senator GREGG relating to title V, and that would be 2 hours equally divided as well, with no other amendments or motions in order to the bill.

I further ask unanimous consent that following the use or yielding back of time on each amendment, the Senate proceed to a vote on each amendment. Further, I ask that, following the disposition of the above amendments, the bill be read the third time and the Senate then proceed to passage of H.R. 782, as amended, if amended.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object, I say to my friend from Ohio who read the unanimous consent request, the substance of the agreement is fine with the minority. We would only hope that there could be a definite time locked in for a vote. During the last couple of weeks, there have been a lot of Members who simply have not known when they were going to be called upon to vote. They have other business they are conducting. We, again, have no disagreement with the

substance of the unanimous consent agreement. However, we object unless we can get a definite time as to when we can vote.

I also say, through the Chair to my friend from Ohio, it is not as if there are a number of votes being anticipated here so that we are going to slow things up if you set, for example, 5 o'clock, which we would suggest, as a definite time for voting on these amendments. So until we can get a definite time locked in for voting on the amendments, at or about 5 o'clock, we would object, and I do object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, if I could, let me thank my colleague from Nevada. I understand there is no objection, actually, to the substance, then, of the agreement and what we are waiting for is some agreement with regard to the actual time the votes will actually take place. Is that correct?

Mr. REID. Yes. I say to my friend, we believe it is a very important piece of legislation. We are glad it is here. We think the time arrangement on the amendments offered by the Senator from New Hampshire is fair. We simply believe we need a time certain to vote. That should be easy to get. I hope the majority leader will agree to that as soon as possible.

Mr. DEWINE. I thank my colleague.

## RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed in morning business.

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

## REAUTHORIZATION OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, as the lead sponsor of the Older Americans Act, along with my friend, the chairman of the committee, Senator JEFFORDS, I thought I would take a few moments, even though we are not technically on the bill at this point, to begin a discussion of this bill. I make note to my colleagues in the Chamber that I will be a few minutes in doing this, so if any of my colleagues do want to proceed in morning business on other matters, I will be more than happy to yield when they come to the floor.