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Senate

The Senate met at 12 noon 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, whose chosen dwelling is the mind that is completely open to You and the heart that is unreservedly responsive to You, we thank You that our desire to find You is because You already have found us. Our prayers are not to get Your attention, but because You have gotten our attention. You always are beforehand with us with preventent, providential initiative. Our longing to know Your will is because You have solutions for our problems to impart to us. You place before us people and their problems and potentials because You want to bless them through our prayers for them and what You want us to do and say to encourage and uplift them.

The challenges before us today and this week dilate our mind's eye because You have solutions ready to unfold and implement through us. You consistently know what we need before we ask You. Keep our minds riveted on You and our wills responsive to Your direction. We want Your best in everything for our beloved Nation. Bless the Senators and all who work with them as they seek to keep America good, so that she may continue to be great for Your glory. In Your holy name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader is recognized.

WELCOME TO THE NEW PAGES

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, first, I welcome all the new pages. I think we have a new class of pages on each side

of the aisle. We appreciate their efforts, and we will be working with them in the weeks ahead.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, today, there will be a period for the transaction of morning business until the hour of 1 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 440, the National Highway System bill. The cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the highway bill, originally scheduled today at 3 o'clock, has been vitiated. There will be no rollcall votes today. We have been able to work out a process where we do not need the cloture vote. We notified everybody Friday afternoon, so I do not think anybody was unaccommodated because of that change.

We will have amendments this afternoon and debate on amendments. If there are rollcall votes requested on any amendments, they will occur tomorrow morning. We hope to get an agreement on amendments, if we can, this afternoon.

This is an important bill. We would like to finish consideration of the bill tomorrow evening, if possible. I know the managers will be on the floor at 1 o'clock. There are a number of key amendments, but beyond that, we do not see any real problems with the bill now that we have agreed on the Davis-Bacon amendment. That has been withdrawn from this bill. That debate will happen in a more general way on a later bill coming from the Labor Committee.

So I urge my colleagues on both sides, if you have amendments to S. 440, to contact the managers so that we can move as quickly as we can this afternoon and this evening on debating some of the amendments. If rollcall votes are requested, they will occur tomorrow.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

RECESS UNTIL 1 P.M.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I have asked on each side of the aisle, and apparently there is no request for the transaction of routine morning business. Rather than having the Senate wait until 1 o'clock, tying up the staff on the floor, we will recess.

However, at 1 o'clock, we will go on S. 440. We will be on the bill.

I move the Senate stand in recess until 1 o'clock. At 1 o'clock, we will be on S. 440. I hope and request that the managers be here at that time with amendments.

The motion was agreed to.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:21 p.m., recessed until 1:02 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer [Mr. CHAFEE].

The PRESIDING OFFICER. In my capacity as a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

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