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Senate

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 Father, make us maximum for the demanding responsibilities and relationships of this day. We say with the Psalmist, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore, my heart greatly rejoices."—(Psalm 28:7).

Lord, our day is filled with challenges and decisions that will test our own knowledge and experience. We dare not only trust in our own understanding. In the quiet of this moment fill our inner wells with Your spirit. Our deepest desire is to live today for Your glory and by Your grace.

We praise You that it is Your desire to give good gifts to those who ask You. You give strength and courage when we seek You above anything else. You guide the humble and teach them Your way. We open our minds to receive Your inspiration. Astound us with new insight and fresh ideas we would not conceive without Your blessing. When we truly seek You and really desire Your will, You do guide us in what to ask. When we ask what You guide, You provide. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today there will be a period for morning busi-

ness until the hour of 11 a.m. Following morning business, at 11 the Senate will resume consideration of S. 39, the Magnuson fisheries bill. At that time there will be 4 minutes of debate time remaining on the Hutchison amendment. Following that debate time, the Senate will proceed to two consecutive votes, first in relation to the Hutchison amendment, if necessary, to be followed by a vote on passage of S. 39, as amended.

I want to say again how much I appreciate the good work that has been done on this legislation. This is very important conservation legislation that will help protect our fisheries and at the same time make them available for commercial fishermen and recreational fishermen. A lot of good work has been done by the Senator from Alaska, Senator STEVENS, and the Senators from Washington, and the Senator from Massachusetts, Senator KERRY. Senator HUTCHISON is very much involved. I think they have done really good work. I am pleased we are going to be able to complete this legislation this morning.

Following disposition of those votes, the Senate will then be asked to turn to the consideration of any of the following items—the maritime bill, H.R. 1350, the pipeline safety bill, and any available appropriations bills or conference reports. In the case of appropriations bills, if we could work out some sort of agreement as to how to proceed; otherwise, we may have a conference report come over from the House, perhaps today, the VA-HUD appropriations bill. I know they were trying to wrap it up last night or early this morning. The House hopes to be able to vote on that this afternoon, I believe.

Therefore, votes can be expected throughout today's session on these items or others that may be cleared. I will continue to make an effort to notify Members as early in the evening as

possible as to what time we are going to finish up or whether or not there will be any additional votes, as we did at 6 o'clock last night when we notified Members there would be debate but no further votes. We will try to do that again tonight.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 61

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I understand there is a resolution at the desk that is due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SMITH). The clerk will read the resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 61) granting the consent of Congress to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I object to further proceedings on this matter at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be placed on the Calendar of General Orders.

Mr. LOTT. I yield the floor.

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 11 a.m.

Mr. MURKOWSKI addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak in morning business for 10 minutes.

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

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