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Senate

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The Senate met at 10 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:

Gracious God, Sovereign of this land, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come, we enter into the season of thanksgiving with a great need for the spiritual renewal that takes place when we return to an attitude of gratitude. In the midst of the problems that we face at this time, we need that refreshing rejuvenation that comes when we turn from our trials and focus on thanksgiving for all of Your blessings. You have shown us that gratitude is not only the greatest of all the virtues but the parent of all others. Any achievement without gratitude limps along the road of life; anything we accomplish without giving thanks becomes a source of pride. You desire our gratitude because You know it helps us to grow; other people never tire of feeling the affirmation that is communicated when we express our thankfulness for them; and we know that we require gratitude to avoid being self-serving and arrogant.

O God, we praise You for this Nation of freedom and democracy. We repent of our pride that entertains the idea that we are in charge of the destiny of this land. Grant us the true humility that comes from acknowledging that You are the source of all that we have and are. Now, Lord, we are ready to thank You in advance for Your help in the resolution of the problems we face in this present crisis. In the name of our blessed Lord. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Virginia is recognized.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I thank the distinguished President pro tempore.

SCHEDULE

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, the majority leader wishes to advise the Senate that this morning the Senate will immediately begin consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 440, the National Highway System bill. There is an overall time agreement of 2 hours and 45 minutes on the conference report. A rollcall vote is expected on the conference report, and Senators should be aware that some of the debate time may be yielded back.

Also, for the information of Senators, the majority leader has announced that we expect to receive from the House this afternoon the Balanced Budget Act of 1995 conference report. There is a 10-hour time limitation on that conference report. All Senators can, therefore, expect votes today, and the Senate is expected to remain in session late into the evening to complete action on the balanced budget conference report.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Rhode Island is recognized.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM DESIGNATION ACT—CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I am very pleased that the conference on the National Highway System bill has reached agreement on the National Highway System Designation Act of

1995. I am prepared to move to that now.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the conference report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 440) to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses this report, signed by a majority of the conferees.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the conference report.

(The conference report is printed in the House proceedings of the RECORD of November 15, 1995.)

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, the chairman of the conference was the distinguished senior Senator from Virginia, Senator WARNER. He is the chairman of the subcommittee of the Environment and Public Works Committee that deals with these particular highway matters.

Mr. President, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the distinguished Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] for his very able leadership of this conference. Senator WARNER demonstrated patience and persistence and thoroughness and did a superb job. So I think we are all in Senator WARNER's debt for the outstanding job he did.

I also wish to thank the distinguished Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], who is the ranking member of both the entire committee, that is, the Environment and Public Works Committee, and also the ranking member of the subcommittee that dealt with this matter. He played a vital role in working out this conference agreement.

I also want to thank the other conferees from our committee; namely,

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