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Senate

The Senate met at 11 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:

Dear God, bless America, beginning with these Senators on whom You have placed so much responsibility and from whom You expect so much. You have brought them to the Senate at this time, not only for what You want to do through them in leading this Nation, but also for what You intend to exemplify to the Nation in the way they work and live together.

You have revealed in Scripture, through the generations, and in our own experience, that You pour out Your power when there is unity, mutual esteem, and affirmation of the oneness of our patriotism. Bless us with Your spirit so that we may disagree without being disagreeable, share our convictions without being contentious, and lift up truth without putting each other down. Help us to seek to convince without coercion, persuade without power moves, motivate without manipulation. May we trust You unreservedly and encourage each other unselfishly. In the name of our Lord. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

Mr. LOTT. I thank the Chair.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Today there will be a period of morning business until the hour of 1 p.m., with the time equally divided on both sides of the aisle. Following the use or yielding back of the time in

morning business, the Senate will turn to the consideration of the conference report to accompany the District of Columbia appropriations bill. It is expected that a cloture motion will be filed on that conference report today. No rollcall votes will occur during today's session, however. The Senate may consider any legislative items that can be cleared for action.

As a reminder to all Senators, the next rollcall vote will be at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27. That vote will be on the motion to invoke cloture on the D.C. appropriations conference report.

I understand, Mr. President, that there are some Senators who intend to arrive shortly to speak in morning business, but until they arrive, I note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BURNS). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. NUNN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Maurice Huthinson, a legislative fellow on my staff, be permitted the privilege of the floor during my remarks on the floor this morning.

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

If the Senator from Georgia would suspend so that the Chair might perform some household duties that have not been performed.

Mr. NUNN. The Senator from Georgia will accommodate any request from the Chair.

RESERVATION OF LEADERSHIP 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 the period for the transaction of morning business until 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein, the time being equally divided between the two sides.

The Senator from Georgia is recognized.

Mr. NUNN. I thank the Chair.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA

Mr. NUNN. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about the relationship between the United States and China.

Last summer the Aspen Strategy Group—cochaired by Ken Dam and myself—under Director Michael Armacost and Associate Director Bruce Berkowitz met in Aspen, CO, for 4 days. We had an intensive and productive discussion with a number of China experts participating, including Michel Oksenberg, Chas. Freeman, and Stapleton Roy. The views of all three of these American China experts and my subsequent discussions with Michel Oksenberg, Charles Freeman, and others have been very helpful in my own analysis of United States-China relations.

I also made a recent trip to Asia that included a stimulating and informative forum in Malaysia sponsored by the Asia Policy Group under the leadership of Doug Paal and hosted by the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, Anwar Ibrahim, during this conference—attended by Senator KIT BOND, Senator BILL COHEN, and myself from the Congress—we had broad and stimulating

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