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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 1996, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1996

The Senate met at 10 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:

We begin this day with the words of the psalmist, "Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all of His benefits".—Psalm 103:1-2.

Let us pray:

Our Father, You have created us to glorify You and enjoy You forever. You have developed in us the desire to know You and You have given us the gift of faith to accept Your unqualified love. You turn our struggles into stepping stones. We know Your promise is true: You never leave us or forsake us. You give us strength when we are weak, gracious correction when we fail, and undeserved grace when we need it most. You lift us up when we fall and give us new chances when we are devoid of hope. And just when we think there is no place to turn You meet us and help us return to You.

Lord, our work today is an expression of our grateful worship. You have called us to lead this Nation. Fill us with Your spirit. Infinite wisdom, we need Your perspective, plan, and purpose. We must make crucial evaluations and decisive decisions. The future of this Nation is dependent on the guidance You give us. Thank You for making us wise. In Your holy name. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

### SCHEDULE

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, today there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 1 p.m., with Senators to speak for up to 5 minutes each, with Senator COVERDELL or his designee in control of the first 90 minutes, and Senator DASCHLE or his designee in control of the second 90 minutes. No rollcall votes will occur during today's session of the Senate, and, as announced last night, no rollcall votes will occur during Monday's session.

On Monday, the Senate will consider Calendar No. 380, H.R. 2937, regarding the White House Travel Office. It is hoped that if Senators feel compelled to offer amendments to this legislation, those amendments will be germane to the bill.

Also, for the information of all Senators, next week, the Senate may be asked to consider S. 1318, the Amtrak authorization, H.R. 849, the firefighters age discrimination bill, or any other legislative items that can be cleared for action.

### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to Darryl Roberson, who is temporarily a mem-

ber of my staff, and this privilege extend for the month of May 1996.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business.

The distinguished Senator from Georgia.

### FREEDOM FROM BURDENSOME TAXES

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, President Clinton, as a candidate, told the American people that once in office, he would lower taxes—lower taxes—on the American middle class.

Three years later, as we stand here, the cost to the typical family has risen in higher taxes and lower earnings under President Clinton's administration by \$2,600 per family.

It was President Clinton who said, "I oppose Federal excise gas taxes." That is in his "Putting People First," Clinton's 1992 campaign book.

Here is another quote from President Clinton: "It sticks it to the lower income and middle-income retired people in the country, and it's wrong."

That is candidate Bill Clinton on Paul Tsongas' proposal for a gas tax increase.

Today, as we all know, President Clinton proposed and forced and enacted by a 1-vote margin in the Senate a new gas tax which adds 4.3 cents on every gallon of gasoline. I believe most

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