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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].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chaplain will now deliver the opening prayer.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, we begin this day praying with the psalmist, "Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good."—Psalm 143:10. In a world of people with mixed motives and forces of evil seeking to distract us, we thank You that we know You are good. It is wonderful to know that You will our good, seek to help us know what is good for our loved ones and our Nation. You constantly are working things together for our good, arranging circumstances for what is ultimately best for us. We never have to worry about Your intentions. You know what will help us grow in Your grace and what will make us mature leaders.

Today, we want to be filled so full of Your goodness that we will know how to discern Your good for our decisions. Bless the Senators. Make them good leaders by Your standards of righteousness. Remind us that our Nation's greatness is in being good. Help us confront mediocrity at any level that keeps us from Your vision for our Nation; recruit us for the battle of ethical and social goodness. We make another verse of the psalmist our life-time motto "May goodness and mercy follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Amen.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of H.R. 3540, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3540) making appropriations for foreign operations and export financing in and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:  
McCain amendment No. 5017, to require information on cooperation with United States antiterrorism efforts in the annual country reports on terrorism.

Coverdell amendment No. 5018, to increase the amount of funds available for international narcotics control programs.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. There will now be 30 minutes of debate equally divided on the McCain amendment No. 5017.

The able Senator from Kentucky is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will immediately resume consideration of the foreign operations appropriations bill. Under the agreement reached last night, the Senate will begin 30 minutes of debate on the McCain amendment No. 5017 regarding antiterrorism efforts. Senators can expect a rollcall vote on or in relation to that amendment no later than 10 o'clock this morning, if all debate time is used.

Additional amendments are anticipated. Therefore, Senators can expect votes throughout the session of the Senate today. The majority leader has indicated that he hopes to complete action on this bill today. I might say that I think that is entirely possible.

We have a number of amendments that are anticipated to be offered that would be acceptable, and there is really no reason why we should not be able to complete this bill today. The leader then plans to turn to the consideration of the VA-HUD appropriations bill following final passage of this bill.

Mr. President, I see the Senator from Arizona here. I will yield the floor.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, if the Senator from Arizona will yield. Mr. President, I wish to compliment the distinguished Senator from Arizona, who had worked with this amendment last night and could have asked for a vote last night. I asked him if he might be willing to withhold while we discussed it further with him. I know there have been some discussions. I note that because the Senator from Arizona showed his usual courtesy and cooperation, I wish to thank him here on the Senate floor.

With that, I yield the floor.

Mr. MCCAIN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DEWINE). The Senator from Arizona is recognized.

### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Greg Suchan, a fellow on my staff, be granted the privilege of the floor during the discussion of H.R. 3540.

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

### AMENDMENT NO. 5017, AS MODIFIED

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Vermont and his staff for working with us last night on this particular amendment. In accordance with the previous unanimous-consent agreement, I send to the desk a modification of my amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has a right to modify his amendment. The amendment will be so modified.

The amendment (No. 5017), as modified, is as follows:

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