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The Senate met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Our prayer this morning will be led by Father Paul Lavin of St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill. We are pleased to have you with us.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Father Paul E. Lavin, pastor, St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

In Psalm 86, David sings:

*Teach me, Lord, your way that I may walk in your truth, single hearted and revering your name.*

*I will praise you with all my heart, glorify your name forever, Lord, my God.*

*Your love for me is great; you have rescued me from the depths of Sheol.—Psalm 86: 11-13.*

Let us pray:

We stand before you, O Lord, conscious of our sinfulness but aware of Your love for us.

Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength to know Your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by Your wisdom, support us by Your power, keep us faithful to all that is true.

You desire justice for all: Enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor.

Glory and praise to You for ever and ever. Amen

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, before I talk about today's schedule, I do want to commend a number of Senators who have been doing yeomen's work over the past 2 days. Even though we haven't had a lot of recorded votes, we have been making good progress. I remind the Senate that we did come to an agreement after actually at least 3 years of going back and forth on a bipartisan Amtrak bill, which passed on Friday on a voice vote. That now will be in conference, and I think there is even a chance that we could get an agreement on that conference report before we go out. If we don't, it will be something we should reach early agreement on in conference when we come back after the first of the year.

Also, the Senate did agree to pass a fix with regard to ISTEIA, or the highway infrastructure bill, which is now before the House for their consideration.

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JOHN WARNER, *Chairman.*

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