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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 1998, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1998

The Senate met at 9:30 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:

Gracious God, in this time of quiet we rest in You; we lean on Your stability; and we draw on Your strength. We feel our tensions and anxieties melt away as we simply abide in Your presence. Your love dispels our fears, and the vision of what You are able to do in and through us today maximizes our hopes. When we abide in You, we are able to abound in the unsearchable riches of Your limitless power. Go before us to show the way and help us anticipate the amazing gifts of love, wisdom, discernment, and vision You have prepared for us. You know exactly what we will face today and will equip us to live at our full potential, multiplied by Your energizing power. You do all things well. Thank You for guiding us with Your perfectly prepared answers to the problems and potentials of this day. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, the distinguished Senator from Rhode Island, is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I announce that today the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1173, the so-called

ISTEA legislation. Under a previous agreement, the Senate will conclude 90 minutes of debate on the pending McConnell amendment regarding contract preferences, with debate equally divided between the proponents and opponents, with 40 minutes of that time equally divided between Senators CHAFEE and BAUCUS.

Also, as under the consent, at 11 a.m. the Senate will proceed to a vote on or in relation to the McConnell amendment. Following that vote, the Senate will continue to consider amendments to the ISTEA legislation.

In addition, the Senate may also consider any legislative or executive business cleared for floor action. Therefore, additional votes are possible during today's session. An effort will be made to announce additional votes as soon as it can be determined when and if additional votes will take place.

As a reminder to all Members, the first rollcall vote today will occur at 11 a.m.

### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that in any quorum calls the time be charged equally between the proponents and opponents.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ALLARD). Without objection, it is so ordered.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

### INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1997

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate S. 1173, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1173) to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 1676.)

Pending:

McConnell amendment No. 1708 (to amendment No. 1676), to require that Federal surface transportation funds be used to encourage development and outreach to emerging business enterprises, including those owned by minorities and women, and to prohibit discrimination and preferential treatment based on race, color, national origin, or sex, with respect to use of those funds, in compliance with the equal protection provisions of the fifth and 14th amendments to the Constitution.

### AMENDMENT NO. 1708

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who yields time?

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I yield the Senator from Massachusetts 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts is recognized.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program in ISTEA has given numerous women and minority-owned businesses the opportunity they deserve to compete for federal highway construction

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