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The Senate met at 12:02 p.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

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

Sovereign of our Nation, we trust You as ultimate Ruler of this land. Give us historically astute hindsight so we can have 20/20 vision to see that You are at work in the shadowy realms of the often ambiguous election processes. We grow in confidence as we remember that You have sustained us in crises over contested presidential elections at crucial times in our history. There is no panic in heaven; therefore there can be peace in our souls in the midst of the human muddle of this uncertain time.

You have all power, You alone are Almighty, and You are able to accomplish Your purposes and plans through the votes of Your people. You rule and overrule. When these votes bring us to results that are painfully close, give us patience to wait for a just resolution. Your intervening power is not limited: You are able to guide the candidates and their advisors about when and how to do what is best for America.

Lord, we all love a winner, but most of all, we want America to win in this conflict. With this as the focus of our attention, we intentionally turn away from divisive distrust of people and human systems to divinely inspired confidence in You. You are still in charge. In that liberating assurance, may the Senators and their staffs, and all of us who work with and for them, press on with alacrity to finish the work of the 106th Congress. You, dear God, are in control. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MIKE ENZI, a Senator from the State of Wyoming, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ENZI). The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

THANKING THE CHAPLAIN

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I thank the Chaplain for his always meaningful prayer that was especially meant for the times we are in.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, we will shortly proceed to a continuing resolution that will fund the Government through December 5. I should note there were a number of conversations during the day on Monday between the leadership in the Senate and the House and the President. The agreement was that a continuing resolution to a later date would be appropriate. There were earlier dates considered, but there was conflict with House Members on November 27. That is why the date of December 5 was agreed to.

It is expected that the Senate will also receive the adjournment resolution from the House fairly quickly so

that it can be considered prior to the policy luncheons. Both the continuing resolution and the adjournment resolution will be passed by unanimous consent. Therefore, no votes will occur during today's session.

I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and also urge that we complete our discussions at 12:30 p.m. as scheduled for the policy luncheons and that we move toward a quick adjournment when we return after the luncheons, hopefully by 2:30 p.m.

We will continue to work on the issues that are outstanding between the Republicans and the Democrats, House and Senate, and the administration during this interim period. Senator DASCHLE and I expect to meet tomorrow to talk over the substance of the issues pending.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be a period for the transaction of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with the time equally divided between the two leaders and each Member be limited to 5 minutes.

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

VIDEOTAPING CHAMBER ACTIVITY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk on behalf of myself and Senator DASCHLE and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:
A resolution (S. Res. 384) relative to rule XXXIII.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of the Senate, this resolution provides for the videotaping of

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