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The Senate met at 10 a.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:

Almighty God, before us is a brand-new day filled with opportunities to live out our calling as servant leaders. We trust You to guide us so that all we do and say will be to Your glory.

Since we will pass through this day only once, if there is any kindness we can express, any affirmation we can communicate, any help we can give, free us to do it today. Help us to be sensitive to what is happening with people around us. We know that there are unmet needs beneath the surface of the most successful and the most self-assured. Today some are enduring hidden physical and emotional pain, others are fearful of an uncertain future, and still others carry burdens of worry for families or friends. May we take no one for granted, but instead be communicators of Your love and encouragement.

As this intense and busy week comes to a close, we express our gratitude for all of the people who make this Senate function so effectively: Each Senator's staff, the officers and staff of the Senate, the guards and the Secret Service, the maintenance crews and the people who work so faithfully in hundreds of crucial tasks. Today, as the Senate pages graduate, we thank You for these outstanding young men and women who have served in the Senate for these past months. We thank You for each one of these future leaders of our Nation. Lord, You have richly blessed this Senate so that You can bless this Nation through its inspired leadership. In Your holy name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader is recognized.

Mr. DOLE. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOLE. This morning, leader time has been reserved and there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 11 a.m. At 11 a.m., the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 440, the National Highway System bill.

I have announced there will be no rollcall votes during today's session of the Senate. Cloture was filed last night on the motion to proceed, and there will be a vote on that cloture motion at 3 o'clock on Monday.

I am hopeful that maybe during today's session there can be some agreement reached on S. 440, the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995. It is a very important piece of legislation. It affects every State. There are one or two controversial areas. One is the Davis-Bacon Act, and one is the maximum speed limit compliance program. Those two issues, I assume, will be debated for some time. But it is my hope to complete action on this bill no later than Tuesday of next week, and then at that point to, either go to regulatory reform, if that is ready—there are negotiations ongoing as we speak, and there are still about 10 areas of difference, but if we can reach a bipartisan compromise on regulatory reform, we would hope to take it up on Wednesday—or the other possible proposal would be welfare reform. And again, there is some difficulty on both sides, I might say. Republicans are having some difficulties. I understand the Democrats may be, too. But that is again a very important piece of legislation we hope to be able to resolve if not next week, take it up the following week.

THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, let me also indicate, as I said yesterday, we passed a very important piece of legislation, telecommunications legislation. And obviously there were many, many people who deserved to be thanked for their effort. Certainly, the chairman of the committee, Senator LARRY PRESSLER of South Dakota, and members of his staff, and Senator HOLLINGS and members of his staff, and many members of the committee. I wanted to make certain I did not forget to thank David Wilson on my staff, who has been following this issue almost on a day-to-day basis for the past several months. I certainly appreciated his efforts and his insight into the very delicate issues which were involved in the legislation.

Mr. President, I understand there will be speakers coming to the floor. In the meantime, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMAS). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I know leaders' time was reserved.

THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, remarks I made in California a few weeks ago have played a role in starting a new national debate on how the entertainment industry has contributed to the coarsening of our culture.

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