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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, 1967, at 12 o'clock noon.

Senate

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1967

RAILROAD MERGER

The Senate met at 9 a.m., and was called to order by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. METCALF).

Rev. Edward B. Lewis, pastor, Capitol Hill Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Dear Lord, in the morning we pray, seeking direction for the day. We turn a deaf ear to the voices of fear and confusion. We find peace within and some right answers for conditions without, as we stand in Thy presence.

We pray for wisdom to guide, intelligence to direct, and love to temper action. We affirm that God's law of justice is operating in life.

Remind us of the Biblical thought: "The path of the righteous is like the light of the dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day."

Strengthen the faith of these our leaders, O God. Renew a right spirit within and lead in paths of peace. In the Master's name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, November 30, 1967, be dispensed with.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LIMITATION ON STATEMENTS DURING TRANSACTION OF ROUTINE MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that statements in relation to the transaction of routine morning business be limited to 3 minutes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MANSFIELD. I wish to join my distinguished colleague, the junior Senator from Montana [Mr. METCALF], now presiding as Acting President pro tempore, in what he said on yesterday relative to the decision of the ICC authorizing a merger of the Great Northern Railway, the Northern Pacific Railway, Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co., Pacific Coast Railroad Co., and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway System.

I believe that this is a misguided move on the part of the Interstate Commerce Commission; and I can say, without fear of contradiction, that so far as the States of Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, and Washington are concerned, it will react against the best interests of that area of the Nation.

I point out that Montana has an area of 148,000 square miles; that there is a need for two transcontinental railroads; that both the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific are not suffering any losses at this time, but that their profits are rather handsome, all things considered.

It would be my hope that the distinguished chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, the Senator from Washington [Mr. MAGNUSON], would look into this matter immediately to determine what the reasons are for this merger at this time. I am hopeful that something along this line will be done by the distinguished Senator from Washington, and I assure him that, so far as Montana is concerned, we will back him 100 percent in any move he makes.

CYRUS R. VANCE—"MAN FOR ALL SEASONS"

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I should like at this time to call to the

attention of the Senate, the remarkable service performed by Mr. Cyrus R. Vance, a former Under Secretary of Defense, a man in the McNamara mold, and an ambassador who has proved his worth in helping to bring about an adjudication of the recent crisis in the eastern Mediterranean between Greece and Turkey over the island of Cyprus.

I do not think it is letting any secrets out of the bag to state that about this time a week ago there was a grave and immediate danger of war between Greece and Turkey. Because of the magnificent efforts by Mr. Vance—this "man for all seasons"—a settlement has been reached that will bring about a degree of peace in the eastern Mediterranean and will, I believe, add to the luster of this country because of the outstanding efforts made by this distinguished public servant.

I want the record to show that this man is entitled to a great deal of credit for what has been accomplished in averting a war in the eastern Mediterranean and for his singularly outstanding contribution to the conclusion of a peaceful settlement between the two main contending parties, Greece and Turkey.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. EASTLAND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I may proceed for 10 minutes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE PRICE OF SOCIALISTIC POLICIES

Mr. EASTLAND. Mr. President, during the past month we have witnessed one of the more remarkable ironies of history. Britain has devalued her currency in a desperate bid for survival while the

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