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Thursday, February 1.

The President had a super full schedule today, starting with a prayer breakfast at 7:45 this morning, at which he got aced out on his plan to call for five minutes of silent prayer because Hatfield asked for a few seconds of silent prayer for Stennis, which made it impossible for the President to pull his gimmick which would have been sensational if he could have done it. Instead, he gave a very good talk building on the theme of the song, "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me," which enabled him to build his whole peace pitch in. He got a very good reception, then good TV coverage on it tonight.

He returned just in time for the Heath arrival, then the Heath meeting, and then this afternoon the GOP governors. Then he had Heath back again at 4:00 and went quite late on that, having Shultz in for the latter part of it. And then met for quite a while with Shultz after Heath left, then the dinner for Heath tonight.

End of February 1.