Our great difficulty is time. The 90-day filibuster on civil rights put our legislative work so far behind that we are being compelled to crowd what would normally be the work of a session into a few weeks. The House Ways and Means Committee, by a 13-to-12 poll turned down the King-Anderson bill and confined itself to a 5-percent increase in present social security benefits. This decision was ratified by the House, and the bill now comes over to us in that form. We have been able to get the Finance Committee to agree to hold hearings on the specific proposals for health care for the aged, and some of us will push for the best possible way of dealing with the problem. But with this, a presidential year, with the inevitable pressures to adjourn, with a crowded calendar, and with the difficulties of dealing with a recalcitrant House, we are faced with many obstacles. The need, however, is great, and I hope for the understanding and active support of the American people of this proposal so that we can at last take an effective step to protect the health of our aged people.

If the House sends this measure to conference the odds are very strong that it will never see the light of day, since the administration and the State Department are very much opposed to its passage and I am fearful these forces will be able to tie the measure up in the conference committee.

I think we have the votes to keep it from being sent to conference and then the votes to pass it over the objection of the administration.

This is a most important bill. It is a matter of life or death for the farmers and beef producers of the Nation.

The morning hour were ordered limited to 3 minutes.

ORDER DISPENSING WITH CALL OF CALENDAR UNDER RULE VIII

On request by Mr. Mansfield, and by unanimous consent, the call of the legislative calendar, under rule VIII, was dispensed with.

ORDER FOR RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. Mansfield. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

The Acting President pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING SENATE SESSION

On request by Mr. Mansfield, and by unanimous consent, the Committee on