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(i) **CONTINUATION OF MULTIPLE USE.**—Nothing in this Act shall limit, restrict, or otherwise affect the application of the principle of multiple use (including outdoor recreation, range, timber, watershed, and fish and wildlife purposes) in any area of the Little Missouri National Grasslands. Federal grazing permits or privileges in areas designated on the map entitled “Billings County, North Dakota, Consolidated Mineral Exchange—November 1995” or those lands described in the “Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Certain Severed Mineral Estates, Billings County, North Dakota”, shall not be curtailed or otherwise limited as a result of the exchanges directed by this Act.

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent the committee amendment be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read three times, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill (S. 750), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

S. 750

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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**ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1997**

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, in behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 7. I further ask that on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate immediately proceed to a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak

for up to 10 minutes each with the following exceptions: Senator DASCHLE or his designee, 45 minutes, from 10:30 to 11:15; Senator HUTCHISON or her designee, 45 minutes, from 11:15 to 12 noon.

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

Mr. DOMENICI. I also ask unanimous consent that from the hour of 12:30 p.m. to 2:15, the Senate stand in recess for the weekly policy luncheons.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will be in a period for morning business until 12:30. The Senate will then recess for the policy luncheons to meet until 2:15. When the Senate resumes at 2:15, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the paycheck protection amendment, which is pending to the campaign finance reform bill. If cloture is not invoked, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the campaign finance reform bill itself. If cloture is not invoked, the Sen-

ate could resume the D.C. appropriations bill for consideration of the remaining issues to that appropriations matter. Therefore, additional votes could occur during Tuesday's session of the Senate. Also, as announced, the Senate may turn to any appropriations conference report that becomes available.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DOMENICI. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:36 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, October 7, 1997, at 10:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 6, 1997:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JAMES CATHERWOOD HORMEL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO LUXEMBOURG.  
GERALD S. MCGOWAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF PORTUGAL.

LYNDON LOWELL OLSON JR., OF TEXAS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO SWEDEN.

A. PETER BURLEIGH, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

BILL RICHARDSON, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

RICHARD SKLAR, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR UN MANAGEMENT AND REFORM.

NANCY E. SODERBERG, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

NANCY E. SODERBERG, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

##### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

KENNETH R. WYKLE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, VICE RODNEY E. SLATER.