

administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the final group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. VOINOVICH and Mr. WYDEN.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. DEWINE and Mr. SMITH of Oregon, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, on behalf of the Senate, I extend congratulations to all of the newly-elected Members of the Senate.

CALL OF THE ROLL

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the roll to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll, and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

[Quorum No. 1]

Abraham	Edwards	Lugar
Akaka	Enzi	Mack
Allard	Feingold	McCain
Ashcroft	Feinstein	McConnell
Baucus	Fitzgerald	Mikulski
Bayh	Frist	Moynihan
Bennett	Gorton	Murkowski
Biden	Graham	Murray
Bingaman	Gramm	Nickles
Bond	Grassley	Reed
Boxer	Gregg	Reid
Breaux	Hagel	Robb
Brownback	Harkin	Roberts
Bryan	Hatch	Santorum
Bunning	Helms	Sarbanes
Burns	Hollings	Schumer
Byrd	Hutchinson	Sessions
Campbell	Hutchison	Shelby
Chafee	Inhofe	Smith (NH)
Cleland	Inouye	Smith (OR)
Cochran	Jeffords	Snowe
Collins	Johnson	Specter
Conrad	Kennedy	Stevens
Coverdell	Kerry	Thomas
Craig	Kyl	Thompson
Crapo	Landrieu	Thurmond
Daschle	Lautenberg	Torricelli
DeWine	Leahy	Voinovich
Dodd	Levin	Warner
Domenici	Lieberman	Wellstone
Dorgan	Lincoln	Wyden
Durbin	Lott	

The VICE PRESIDENT. A quorum is present.

The majority leader is recognized.

INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk notifying the

House that a quorum is present, and I ask that it be reported by title, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 1), informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

The VICE PRESIDENT. If there is no objection to the request of the majority leader, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 1) was agreed to.

The resolution is as follows:

S. RES. 1

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

INFORMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk creating a subcommittee consisting of two Senators to notify the President that a quorum of each House is assembled and ask that it be reported by title, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, may we have order in the Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. BYRD. The Senate is transacting business.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senate will be in order. Senators will take their seats or retire to the cloakroom. Senators will cease audible conversation. Senators in the well to the right of the Chair will take their seats or retire to the cloakroom.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 2) informing the President of the United States that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

The VICE PRESIDENT. If there is no objection to the request by the majority leader, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 2) reads as follows:

S. RES. 2

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 2, the Chair appoints the Senator from Mississippi, Mr. LOTT, and the Senator from South Dakota, Mr. DASCHLE, as a committee

to join the committee on the part of the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum so that the leaders will be able to notify the President we are in session as required by the resolution.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, Senator DASCHLE and I have notified the President that a quorum is present and the Senate is ready to proceed with business.

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HOUR OF DAILY MEETING

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I, therefore, now send a resolution to the desk fixing the daily meeting of the Senate at 12 noon, and ask for that resolution to be reported by title, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 3), fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the resolution (S. Res. 3) was considered and agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 3

Resolved, That the hour of daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock meridian unless otherwise ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

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UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENTS EN BLOC—STANDING ORDERS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the following unanimous consent requests are those of the standing orders—for example, setting the leader's time each day—which are obtained at the beginning of each Congress, which govern the day-to-day activity. As in the past, these consents have been cleared by the Democratic leader. Therefore, I send to the desk 11 unanimous consent

requests and ask for their immediate consideration en bloc, that the requests be agreed to en bloc, and that the various consents be shown separately in the RECORD.

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

STANDING ORDER FOR ETHICS COMMITTEE TO MEET

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 106th Congress, the Ethics Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate.

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

STANDING ORDER FOR 15-MINUTE ROLLCALL VOTES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 106th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any rollcall vote, with the warning signal to be sounded at the midway point, beginning at the last 7½ minutes, and when rollcall votes are of 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded at the beginning of the last 7½ minutes.

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

STANDING ORDER FOR SECRETARY OF THE SENATE TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive reports at the desk when presented by a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate.

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

STANDING ORDER FOR PROVISION OF LEADERSHIP TIME

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Majority and Minority Leaders may daily have up to 10 minutes each on each calendar day following the prayer and disposition of the reading of, or approval of, the Journal.

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

STANDING ORDER FOR FLOOR PRIVILEGES TO HOUSE PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives and his four assistants be given the privilege of the floor during the 106th Congress.

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

STANDING ORDER CONCERNING PRINTING OF CONFERENCE REPORTS AND STATEMENTS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as a House report unless specific request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed.

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

STANDING ORDER FOR ACTION BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 106th Congress to file reports during adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriation bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to suspend Rule XVI, pursuant to Rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, which proposes amendments shall be printed.

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

STANDING ORDER FOR SECRETARY OF THE SENATE TO MAKE CERTAIN CORRECTIONS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 106th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossment of all Senate-passed bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate amendments to House bills or resolutions.

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

STANDING ORDER FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS BY OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 106th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and—with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions, and concurrent resolutions—messages from the House of Representatives; and that they be appropriately referred; and that the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Acting President pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

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

STANDING ORDER FOR GRANTING OF FLOOR PRIVILEGES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 106th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal Clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant at Arms be instructed to rotate such staff members as space allows.

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

STANDING ORDER FOR REFERRAL OF TREATIES AND NOMINATIONS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 106th Congress, it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the day when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive session that day.

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

CHANGING SENATE RULES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, as all Members are aware, I have been working for some time on various rules changes that would ensure a more efficient process by which the Senate considers appropriations bills. One of our concerns has been reinstating rule XVI with respect to legislation on appropriations bills. I believe that many of the extraneous items that have been added to appropriations bills over the past few Congress would have been ruled out of order if the Senate still had the ability to raise a point of order against legislation on appropriations bills formerly contained in rule XVI.

Other rule abuses occurred during the closing days of the 105th Congress. Consequently, I will shortly introduce five Senate resolutions regarding rules and budget process changes and will ask for their proper referral. Once the resolutions have been referred to the appropriate committee, it is my hope the chairmen of the committees will begin swift committee work on the resolutions so the committees can act on the changes as early as possible in the 106th Congress. I urge Senators to consider these resolutions and hope when the Senate votes on these measures they will receive huge bipartisan votes.

ORDER PROVIDING FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION AND STATEMENTS ON JANUARY 19, 1999

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on January 19, 1999, all Senators be permitted to introduce legislation and read or submit accompanying statements for the RECORD. This would represent the first day that legislation can be introduced in the 106th Congress.