

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2004, AND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Thursday, September 16, for a pro forma session only. I further ask that immediately after convening, the Senate then adjourn over until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 20; provided further that on Monday, following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and there then be a period of morning business for debate only with Senators to speak for up to 10 minutes each; I further ask consent that the vote on passage of the Military Construction appropriations bill occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, with the 10 minutes prior to the vote equally divided for closing remarks.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I personally appreciate the distinguished Republican leader having a pro forma session tomorrow and our being out on Friday. We don't recognize often enough publicly the great work that the staff does. These people around here work so hard, work such long hours. After we go, many of them are still around here making sure the journals are correct, and there are many other things they do. In addition, because of the terrorism threat, we have all these security people here. I personally appreciate the distinguished Republican leader not having a full-blown session tomorrow.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, let me take a minute to review the schedule for the next couple of days and next week. In observance of the Rosh Hashanah holiday, we will not be voting tomorrow. In addition, we are in a pro forma session which will allow people to appropriately use that time for themselves to work, to catch up with families, to see constituents, to get back to their States.

We were able to reach agreement to complete two additional appropriations bills with short time limits which allows us to be in a pro forma session tomorrow. We will not be conducting business on the floor tomorrow.

Earlier today, we completed debate on the Military Construction appro-

priations bill with the vote on final passage which will occur, as just mentioned, at 5:30 on Monday. For the information of my colleagues, that will be the next rollcall vote. Today we also reached agreement on the Legislative Branch appropriations bill, and that will be scheduled for consideration early next week with the vote likely to be Tuesday morning.

Next week we may be able to reach additional agreements on appropriations bills, and we will continue to pursue those in the same spirit that the assistant Democratic leader just mentioned.

In addition, we have the Goss nomination that, in all likelihood, will become available for full Senate consideration. We will certainly schedule that nomination to come to the floor just as soon as we possibly can, as soon as it is ready. I expect that to be in the early to mid part of next week.

We also have discussions continuing on the expiring family tax provisions. If possible, we would like to be able to pull that package together and bring it to the floor just as soon as it is ready as well.

Next week, on Thursday, September 23, Prime Minister Allawi of Iraq, who is also a physician and doctor, will be addressing a joint meeting of Congress. That address will be on that Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Hall of the House of Representatives. Members will gather in the Senate Chamber and will proceed as a body to the House at approximately 9:30 that morning.

We will have a very full schedule next week. I know that quite often, as the galleries watch what is occurring in the Senate Chamber or view on C-SPAN II what happens in the Senate, when we have days like tomorrow or the rest of this afternoon, things seem to be slow. In truth, there is all sorts of work going on, especially now as we are working toward that October 8 adjournment date. People are busy in committee hearings and working on various issues that we must address and negotiate through this legislative process.

A perfect example is with the bills that the assistant Democratic leader just referred to—the 44 bills that he held up and that we were able to pass quickly. A huge amount of work goes into bringing those to the floor and having them prepared appropriately. These bills had to do with land, water conservation, park measures, and a whole range of energy issues. It took about a minute on the Senate floor to pass them, but literally hundreds of

hours were involved in getting that legislation available and ready for consideration.

I only mention that as another example of what is going on and what the challenge is and the huge demands on all of us to accomplish what we must before October 8.

I opened this morning by thanking Senator THAD COCHRAN for his tremendous leadership over the course of the week on Homeland Security appropriations. We were here very late last night and we were able to complete that bill. Members showed a lot of patience during the day and into the evening as we pushed through to final passage. I thank everybody for their tremendous efforts.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 4:29 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, September 16, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 15, 2004:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

MICHAEL J. HARRISON, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, VICE LOU GALLEGOS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

FRANCIS J. HARVEY, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, VICE THOMAS E. WHITE, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PAMELA HUGHES PATENAUDE, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE ROMOLO A. BERNARDI.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

ARDEN BEMENT, JR., OF INDIANA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS, VICE RITA R. COLWELL, RESIGNED.

THE JUDICIARY

J. MICHAEL SEABRIGHT, OF HAWAII, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII, VICE ALAN C. KAY, RETIRED.

WITHDRAWAL

Executive message transmitted by the President to the Senate on September 15, 2004, withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

FRANCIS J. HARVEY, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON NOVEMBER 6, 2003.