

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will resume consideration of the intelligence reform bill. We had very good debate on the bill today, disposing of two very important amendments. We also had good debate on the pending Specter intelligence consolidation amendment today as well. We would like to get a reasonable time agreement for that amendment and vote early tomorrow morning. Tomorrow we will lock in an amendment list to this bill. This is the first step in the process for the Senate to show the commitment to finish this bill.

Further, we need to reach an agreement to have amendments filed at the desk so that all Members will be able to see legislative text. We will do this at some point, I am quite sure, late tomorrow afternoon. I have talked about the scheduling changes that confront the Senate this week. In order to complete this important bill, we will need Senators to make themselves available to offer their amendments and to agree to reasonable debate times.

I will continue consulting with the Democratic leader as to the voting schedule for the remainder of the week and next week. It is clear that this cannot be business as usual. It is a very important bill before the Senate. We have a number of issues in terms of appropriations, continuing resolutions, extensions on other bills that have to be dealt with over the coming days. I continue to ask all our Members to be prepared to adapt their schedules for this extraordinary piece of legislation that is in the Senate as well as these other pieces of legislation coming before the Senate.

I had the opportunity over the course of today to talk to the Democratic leadership as well as members of our caucus and other Members of the Sen-

ate, and it is clear that we have a lot of work to do in a short period of time. Thus, even though we will do our very best to work around individual Members' schedules, we will have to change the pace of the last several weeks or several months, meaning the potential for voting on Friday, voting for sure on Monday. Suggestions have even come forward that in order to meet all of our objectives on all these bills before our departure on October 8 we should even consider working through this Saturday and Sunday.

I mention all of those, and no decisions have been made except that the fact that so many people are coming forward to say we have a lot to do means we will have to vote through this week every day starting right at 9:30. We will not have morning business tomorrow. We will go straight into the bill and continue through Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and, clearly, have a full working day on Monday as well.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. I say through the Chair, Senator DASCHLE has met with Senator FRIST on more than one occasion today. These are extraordinary times. Not only do we have a Presidential election, but these are extraordinary times because of the threat facing our country.

This legislation, the two leaders believe, should be expedited. It deals with that very threat. Everyone should listen very closely to what the majority leader said. That is, we have to take a look at Friday, weekend, Monday. This is for real. We are running out of time. The two leaders agree that we have to work very hard to complete the agenda we have ahead of us, which is a lot in a very short period of time.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, in closing, I thank Chairman WARNER for assisting in getting the Under Secretary of the

Navy confirmed today—tonight. The Under Secretary reported out on May 12, 2004. I thank our distinguished colleague for working so hard and assisting in getting this accomplished tonight.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:22 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 29, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate September 28, 2004:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DIONEL M. AVILES, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION NOMINATIONS BEGINNING JONATHAN W. BAILEY AND ENDING RICHARD A. EDMUNDSON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2004.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION NOMINATIONS BEGINNING TIMOTHY J. GALLAGHER AND ENDING BERNARD R. ARCHER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2004.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING TERENCE L. CHORBA AND ENDING PARMJEET S. SAINI, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 8, 2004.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING DANIEL MOLINA AND ENDING JAMES D. WARNER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MAY 17, 2004.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING SONGHAI BARCLIFT AND ENDING GREGORY WOITTE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MAY 17, 2004.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING ALVIN ABRAMS AND ENDING ARIEL E. VIDALES, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MAY 17, 2004.