

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING FEDERAL RESPONSE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS FOR HURRICANE KATRINA

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 251, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 251) expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should ensure that Federal response and recovery efforts for Hurricane Katrina include consideration for animal rescue and care.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 251) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 251

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that, in order to efficiently coordinate and respond to the growing crisis represented by the large number of animals left behind in the Gulf Coast region, the President should ensure that the Federal response and recovery efforts for Hurricane Katrina include consideration for animal rescue and care.

HIGHER EDUCATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2005

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3784.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3784) to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 3784) was read the third time and passed.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1771

Mr. FRIST. I understand there is a bill at the desk and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1771) to express the sense of Congress and to improve reporting with respect to the safety of workers in the response and recovery activities related to Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes.

Mr. FRIST. I now ask for its second reading and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection having been heard, the bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1761

Mr. FRIST. I understand there is a bill at the desk due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1761) to clarify the liability of Government contractors assisting in rescue, recovery, repair and reconstruction work in the Gulf Coast Region of the United States affected by Hurricane Katrina or other major disasters.

Mr. FRIST. In order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceedings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill is placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, September 27. I further ask that 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 the Senate proceed to executive session to continue consideration of Calendar No. 317, John Roberts to be Chief Justice of the United States.

I further ask unanimous consent that the time from 10 to 11 be under the control of the majority leader or his designee; the time from 11 to 12 be under the control of the Democratic leader or

his designee; the time from 12 to 12:30 under majority control; 2:15 to 2:45 under majority control; 2:45 to 3:45, Democratic control; 3:45 to 4:45 under majority control; 4:45 to 5:45 under Democratic control; 5:45 to 6:45 under majority control; 6:45 to 7:45 under Democratic control. I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 to 2:15 to accommodate the weekly party luncheons.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Tomorrow we will resume statements on the nomination of John Roberts, those statements having begun at about 1 o'clock today. Moments ago we locked in a time certain for the vote on the confirmation of the Roberts nomination, and that vote is now set for Thursday morning at 11:30 a.m. I do ask all Senators to be in the Chamber and seated at their desks on this historic day for this historic vote.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning will be devoted to continued statements on Judge Roberts. Now that the final vote is set, I encourage Members to come over early for their statements rather than waiting until Thursday morning.

In talking to the Democratic leader, in all likelihood, as we look to later this week, we will be voting on Friday. I make that statement recognizing that we are going to complete this Thursday morning, and we plan on going directly to the Department of Defense appropriations bill. Over the course of this session, we have not voted on a lot of Fridays, but now we are going to have to begin voting on Fridays. I wish to give people notification on both sides of the aisle given the fact that we have so much business going on and, in such a short period of time, so much to do. We will give Members as much advance notice as possible, but I do want to notify people that we will be voting on this Friday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 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 7:45 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, September 27, 2005, at 9:45 a.m.