

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. DURBIN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

ELECTING LAURA C. DOVE AS SECRETARY FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE SENATE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I have a resolution at the desk, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 14) electing Laura C. Dove, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Majority of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 14) reads as follows:

S. RES. 14

Resolved, That Laura C. Dove of Virginia be, and she is hereby, elected Secretary for the Majority of the Senate.

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. DURBIN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

ELECTING GARY B. MYRICK AS SECRETARY FOR THE MINORITY OF THE SENATE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I have a resolution at the desk, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 15) electing Gary B. Myrick, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 15) reads as follows:

S. RES. 15

Resolved, That Gary B. Myrick of Virginia be, and he is hereby, elected Secretary for the Minority of the Senate.

Mr. DURBIN. I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 95-521, appoints Patricia Mack Bryan as Senate legal counsel for

a term of service to expire at the end of the 115th Congress.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 16) to make effective appointment of Senate Legal Counsel.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 16) reads as follows:

S. RES. 16

That the appointment of Patricia Mack Bryan of Virginia to be Senate Legal Counsel made by the President pro tempore this day, is effective as of January 3, 2015, and the term of service of the appointee shall expire at the end of the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress.

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. DURBIN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 95-521, appoints Morgan J. Frankel as deputy Senate legal counsel for a term of service to expire at the end of the 115th Congress.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 17) to make effective appointment of Deputy Senate Legal Counsel.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 17) reads as follows:

S. RES. 17

That the appointment of Morgan J. Frankel of the District of Columbia to be Deputy Senate Legal Counsel, made by the President pro tempore this day, is effective as of January 3, 2015, and the term of service of the appointee shall expire at the end of the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress.

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. DURBIN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENTS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I send to the desk, en bloc, 11 unanimous consent requests and I ask for their immediate consideration, en bloc, and the motion to reconsider the adoption of these requests be laid upon the table, and that they appear separately in the RECORD.

Before the Chair rules, I would like to point out that these requests are routine and done at the beginning of each new Congress.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 114th Congress, the Ethics Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 114th 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.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the 114th 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.

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 the approval of, the Journal.

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.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 114th Congress to file reports during the adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriations 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 proposed amendments shall be printed.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 114th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and joint 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.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 114th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment the Secretary of the Senate is 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.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 114th 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 staff members as space allows.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 114th 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.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 114th Congress, Senators may be allowed to bring to the desk bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions and simple resolutions, for referral to appropriate committees.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

WELCOMING MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND WISHING SENATOR REID A SPEEDY RECOVERY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, today is an important day for our country. Many Senators took the oath this afternoon—13 for the first time—and the new Republican majority accepted its new responsibility. We recognize the enormity of the task before us. We know a lot of hard work awaits. We know many important opportunities await as well.

I am really optimistic about what we can accomplish. I will have much more to say about that tomorrow. For now, I just want to welcome back all of our returning Members. I want to congratulate the many new ones, and I want to say a word about our colleague from Nevada.

Senator REID is a former boxer. He is tough. I know he will be back in fighting form soon enough. We all wish him a speedy recovery and I wish him the very best.

To all of you, enjoy the ceremonies today. Tomorrow is back to work.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting minority leader.

THE NEW CONGRESS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I thank the majority leader for those kind words. I am happy to report the Democratic leader of the Senate, Senator REID, is making a speedy recovery from his New Year's run-in with some exercise equipment. His face and ribs are still sore. He is eager to get back to work. We met with him this morning, and we can expect him back in the Senate very soon.

In the meantime, it is a privilege on behalf of the Democratic Caucus to

welcome our old colleagues back to work and welcome our new colleagues and their families to the U.S. Senate. I also want to wish Leader McCONNELL, as he takes up the new duties of the majority leader, the very best. Senator Dirksen was a Senator from my home State of Illinois who served as a Republican leader of the Senate from 1959 to 1969. He famously said, "I am a man of fixed and unbending principles, the first of which is to be flexible at all times."

That may sound comical, even contradictory. But Senator Dirksen's ability on flexible tactics and firmness on principles helped produce historic legislation such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964, one of the greatest achievements in our Nation's history. I am sure we all will remember that with fondness and pride.

The American people need us to work together to solve problems and create opportunities. For their sake, let us all try to remember that what we are about is honorable compromise. The Constitution of the United States and the Senate itself are the results of just such a compromise.

One other point. One hundred years ago this week, an American industrialist and entrepreneur stunned the world by announcing he would start paying his workers double the industry average and cut the hours. That man, of course, was Henry Ford. He committed to pay his workers a minimum wage.

As we begin this new Congress, let us dedicate ourselves to the working men and women across America, the taxpayers of this country, and the men and women which we so proudly serve. I hope that we will show flexibility and principle. We can't solve America's challenges with the same old thinking. We have to address the problems with mutual respect and with a positive attitude.

I look forward to, on this side of the aisle, working with Senator REID and my colleagues to achieve that end.

Congratulations to Leader McCONNELL.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Mr. McCONNELL. I thank my friend the acting minority leader. We are anxious to get to work here. In that regard, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order for the Energy and Natural Resources Committee to meet on January 7, tomorrow, for the purpose of hearing testimony on the Keystone Pipeline; that the meeting be chaired by Senator MURKOWSKI, with Senator CANTWELL as ranking member; that the following Senators not currently serving on the committee be considered Members of the committee for the purpose of this meeting: Senators DAINES, CASSIDY, GARDNER, CAPITO, HIRONO, KING, and WARREN; I further ask that the meeting be considered to comport

with all Senate rules relating to the conduct of committees and that customary and authorized expenses be permitted.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, reserving the right to object. Under the traditions and rules of the Senate, all of the Senate committees are organized in a resolution, which we anticipate will be offered tomorrow for the organization of the committee structure of the U.S. Senate.

I say to the majority leader, we will continue this conversation in a positive manner in an effort to come up with a mutually agreeable approach to consider this legislation and others, but for that reason I must object.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

Mr. McCONNELL. If I may, let me just say again, nobody's rights would have been in any way impaired by going forward a day earlier. We are going to pass the committee resolution tomorrow. We all know that one of the things the Senate is best at is not doing much. I hope we can work this out so we can get started. Everyone knows the first measure that is going to be up is going to come out of the energy committee. I would say to my friends on the minority side, it is open for amendment. Why don't we get started? Hopefully Senator MURKOWSKI and Senator CANTWELL can work through this and we can get going and do the people's business. We are anxious to get started.

MORNING BUSINESS

REMEMBERING SYLVIA GARCIA RICKARD

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to convey to my colleagues news of the tragic death of Sylvia Rickard—one of the Nation's top breast cancer advocates—a woman so full of life and joy, so deeply immersed in the science of her passion, that it is impossible to imagine this sad, sad occurrence.

Sylvia was truly an amazing person who touched many lives. I first met Sylvia when she visited my office so many years ago to educate me on the need for more breast cancer research, for better breast cancer screening, and for better patient navigation. Sylvia, herself a two-time survivor of breast cancer, and later of ocular melanoma, made sure that my staff and I, and indeed all of the Utah and Idaho delegations, regardless of party, were kept apprised of the latest developments in breast cancer research. She patiently walked us through the science behind the research—a science she made it her business to know in great detail.

Sylvia was such a good advocate because she had fought this dread disease, and won. Not once, but twice.