

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

MEASURE PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR—S. 1098

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

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1098) to prevent abuse of the special allowance subsidies under the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be placed on the calendar.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, appoints the Senator from Colorado, Mr. ALLARD, as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREE-
MENT—JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that at a time determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the Democratic leader, it be in order to move to proceed en bloc to the following nominations, if reported by the Judiciary Committee; provided further that they be considered under a total time limitation of 10 hours equally divided between the chairman and ranking member or their designees; provided further that following the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to votes on the confirmation of the nominations, with no further intervening action or debate. The nominations are as follows: David McKeague, to be U.S. circuit judge for the Sixth Circuit; Richard Griffin, to be U.S. circuit judge for the Sixth Circuit. Finally, I ask consent that following the votes, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Democratic leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, we are also hopeful and confident we can add Neilson to this group. The two Senators from Michigan are taking a look at her. She became very ill and, therefore, she was not able to move forward as these other two men have done. We feel confident, after speaking to the two Michigan Senators, that we will be able to add her to this list. She has now recovered her health and is back in good health, good stead.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. No.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that at a time determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the Democratic leader, the Senate proceed to the consideration of Executive Calendar No. 66, the nomination of Thomas Griffith to be U.S. circuit judge for the District of Columbia Circuit; provided further that there be 4 hours equally divided for debate on the nomination between the chair and the ranking member or their designees; provided further that following the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to a vote on the confirmation of the nomination with no further intervening action or debate; finally, that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

JOINT REFERRAL

Mr. FRIST. As in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the nomination of Charles S. Ciccolella, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment and Training, be jointly referred to the Committees on HELP and Veterans' Affairs.

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 25,
2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the time for the

two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business for up to 60 minutes, with 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee, and the final 30 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee.

Following morning business, the Senate will return to executive session and resume the consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Owen to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, as provided under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Tomorrow, following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of Priscilla Owen to be U.S. circuit judge for the Fifth Circuit. Under a previous agreement, at 12 noon tomorrow, we will proceed to the vote on the confirmation.

Following the vote on the Owen nomination, it is my expectation that we will move forward with the nomination of John Bolton to be ambassador to the United Nations. Our colleagues on the other side of the aisle have indicated they would need a good deal of time to debate the nomination. We plan to complete action on the Bolton nomination this week, and I will work with the Democratic leader to lock in a time agreement on the nomination.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if the distinguished majority leader will yield, I think it is appropriate that we have this vote at noon. We would have been willing to have it earlier. This way the committees can go about their business. I know I have a ranking members meeting at 12. So this will work out perfect. Even though we are waiting for the vote, I think this will work out well for the schedule.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, we have a good plan for the remainder of the week with that vote and proceeding with the nomination of John Bolton.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 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 6:57 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.