

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

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mr. Andrew Schulman, a legislative fellow on Senator DOMENICI's staff, be given floor privileges for the duration of the debate on H.R. 2863.

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

JOINT REFERRAL OF NOMINATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the nomination of Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, be referred jointly to the Committee on Finance and Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1802

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

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1802) to provide for appropriate waivers, suspensions or exemptions from provisions of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, with respect to individual account plans affected by Hurricane Katrina or Rita.

Mr. FRIST. I ask for a 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. Objection is heard.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 30. 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 there then be a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow is the last day of the fiscal year. During tomorrow's session, we will need to pass the continuing resolution, which is at the desk. Tomorrow morning, we will turn to that joint resolution and we expect a rollcall vote. We hope to have that vote by 10:15 in the morning. Senators should adjust their schedules accordingly.

After we complete the continuing resolution tomorrow, we will return to the Defense appropriations bill. Senators will be able to offer amendments at that time. On Friday, we will update all Members as to next week's schedule.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:26 p.m., adjourned until Friday, September 30, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 29, 2005:

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

GIGI HYLAND, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 2, 2011. VICE DEBORAH MATZ, RESIGNED.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

J. THOMAS ROSCH, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSIONER FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2005. VICE THOMAS B. LEARY, TERM EXPIRED.

UNITED NATIONS

MARGARET SPELLINGS, OF TEXAS, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION.

THE JUDICIARY

JAMES HARDY PAYNE, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT, VICE STEPHANIE K. SEYMOUR, RETIRED.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate Thursday, September 29, 2005:

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR., OF MARYLAND, TO BE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES.