

governance, given that the Internet will likely be an increasingly important part of the world economy and society in the 21st Century;

Whereas Internet governance discussions in the World Summit should focus on the real threats to the Internet's growth and stability, and not recommend changes to the current regime of domain name and addressing system management and coordination on political grounds unrelated to any technical need; and

Whereas market-based policies and private sector leadership have allowed this medium the flexibility to innovate and evolve: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) it is incumbent upon the United States and other responsible governments to send clear signals to the marketplace that the current structure of oversight and management of the Internet's domain name and addressing service works, and will continue to deliver tangible benefits to Internet users worldwide in the future; and

(2) therefore the authoritative root zone server should remain physically located in the United States and the Secretary of Commerce should maintain oversight of ICANN so that ICANN can continue to manage the day-to-day operation of the Internet's domain name and addressing system well, remain responsive to all Internet stakeholders worldwide, and otherwise fulfill its core technical mission.

#### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2008

Mr. GRASSLEY. 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. 2008) to improve cargo security, and for other purposes.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, in order to place the bill on the calendar

under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2005

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 17. 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 a period for the transaction of morning business for up to 30 minutes, with the first 15 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee and the final 15 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee; further, that the Senate then resume consideration of S. 2020, the tax relief reconciliation bill, and that there be 10 hours equally divided for debate remaining under the Budget Act for the consideration of the bill.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, tomorrow we will resume consideration of the tax relief reconciliation bill with 10 hours of debate remaining under the agreement just reached. We have a lot of work to do on this bill and on other must-do legislative items before we adjourn for the Thanksgiving holiday. Senators should be ready for late nights with many votes. Before we leave this week, we will need to act on

the tax relief bill, as well as appropriations conference reports, the PATRIOT Act conference report, and another short-term continuing resolution. The majority leader has asked Senators to remain flexible in that a weekend session is very likely.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. GRASSLEY. 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 7:25 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, November 17, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate November 16, 2005:

##### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

MARC L. KESSELMAN, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, VICE NANCY SOUTHARD BRYSON.

##### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

RICHARD T. CROWDER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATOR, OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, VICE ALLEN FREDERICK JOHNSON, RESIGNED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DANIEL MERON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE ALEX AZAR II.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CLAUDIA A. MCMURRAY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, VICE JOHN F. TURNER, RESIGNED.

##### NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

PETER N. KIRSANOW, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING AUGUST 27, 2008, VICE RONALD E. MEISBURG.