

He leaves behind a huge legacy, a storied legacy. And his presence will be missed when he retires.

Back in 1995, Chairman BILL THOMAS told the Los Angeles Times:

People say I'm not as touchy feely as I should be. But I never ran for the job to be touchy feely.

I salute the chairman for his commitment to principle and his unflagging service to his country.

I wish him and his lovely wife Sharon all the best as they embark on the journey ahead.

I had the opportunity to meet with him at the end of last week, and we talked about the future, we talked about the short-term future. He made it very clear he has a lot to do over the next several months right here in the Congress.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 7,
2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7. I further ask consent 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 then resume consideration of S. 2320, the LIHEAP funding bill, for 1 hour of debate equally divided between Senators SNOWE and ENSIGN or their designees; further that following that time, the Senate proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture, as under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today the Senate began debate on the lobbying reform package which we will continue to consider over this week. Tomorrow morning, shortly before 11, we will have a cloture vote on the LIHEAP bill. We expect to invoke cloture, and I hope that if cloture is invoked, we can work out an agreement to finish that bill in short order. That will allow us to return to the lobbying reform measure tomorrow and hopefully make good progress on that measure. I anticipate the Senate will stand in recess to ac-

commodate the weekly policy lunches tomorrow, and we will lock in that order tomorrow. Members are reminded that we have a full week ahead and to plan their schedules accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. 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 7:20 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at 9:45 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Monday, March 6, 2006:

THE JUDICIARY

TIMOTHY C. BATTEN, SR., OF GEORGIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA.

THOMAS E. JOHNSTON, OF WEST VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA.

AIDA M. DELGADO-COLON, OF PUERTO RICO, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO.