

Also, I voted against it because I felt, like a lot of my Democratic colleagues and some of my Republican colleagues, that we need to deal with this situation on immigration and that we shouldn't wait for the White House to indicate its preference.

I felt that we could have an agreement to move forward, so I voted against the proposal at that time. In the intervening time, we have worked with the majority leader to, No. 1, have a shorter timeframe, which now has been offered, that of February 8. That is longer than I would like, but it is shorter than a 4-week CR.

Also, we had an agreement, which the majority leader has just announced, that if an agreement on immigration has not been reached by that time, the majority leader, using his discretion and his authority as majority leader, will move to immigration, and at that time, we can deal with the DACA issue and broader immigration issues generally; that moving to immigration, my understanding—and I believe the commitment—is not to prejudice one bill over another, but anyone can bring forward their bill.

There are several of us who have been working on a bipartisan bill. I believe we have seven Republicans and seven Democrats on that effort right now. That legislation certainly will be considered, as will other legislation, as it should be. I think the Senate should act like the Senate.

I just want to say that there has been a lot of rhetoric over the last couple of days about whose shutdown this is—who should have the blame. There is enough blame to go around. I hope we can move away from that and find a way to open the government back up, move about our business, and let the Senate legislate as it should.

I will add my vote for this agreement, as the majority leader has simply outlined, that we have a CR that runs through February 8, and we seek to have an agreement on immigration before that time, as well as the other outstanding issues. If an agreement has not been reached by February 8, then we move to immigration, and the Senate deals with it as the Senate should, without relying on the White House or other bodies, other Chambers, to dictate what we do here, and we deal with this issue as we have dealt with it in the past, by debating it, by amending legislation, and by moving forward.

With that, I yield the floor.

MORNING BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2274

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2274, a bill to provide for the

compensation of Federal employees affected by lapses in appropriations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Monday, January 22; further, 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 for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 195.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:24 p.m., adjourned until Monday, January 22, 2018, at 10 a.m.