

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the minority leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I only object so as to respond, if I could, using the remainder of my leader time. How much time do I have available?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has 3 minutes.

Mr. DOLE. That is all right. Whatever you need.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President let me respond to the distinguished minority leader. I do not know that I have learned all the rules of this place as well as he has, but I thought that a deal was a deal.

I thought in good faith that when we negotiated an agreement which required unanimous consent that a deal was a deal and that our word was our bond. The word that I was given over a week ago was that we would have a vote last night. The vote was not going to be if we had so many votes we keep

the deal. The vote was we are going to keep our deal. We will have a vote, and that will be the end of it.

I recognize the right of any Senator to change his vote and make a motion to reconsider. That is always within the prerogative of any Senator. And the majority leader is certainly within his rights to do that. But to say today that we are going to change the rules and that we are going to nullify an agreement that we had in good faith last week makes me wonder whether or not we will ever get another agreement during this Congress. It makes me wonder whether in good faith we can negotiate and come to some arrangement with regard to the consideration of any bill in the future.

So this portends some very serious ramifications, and I hope that we all recognize it. I thought we had a deal. I thought we had an agreement. I thought we were going to go to a vote.

If we are not going to go to a vote, if we are going to delay that vote and bring it up some other time, I think it is imperative that we have the notice of the majority leader in advance so all Members can be forewarned.

But I must say that I am deeply disappointed and that this kind of instant rulemaking is unacceptable.

I yield the floor and reserve my right to consider the proposal by the majority leader again.

Mr. DOLE. I thank the Senator from South Dakota.

RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I am going to modify the proposal to move that the Senate stand in recess until noon on Thursday, March 2.

The motion was agreed to, and the Senate, at 10:22 a.m., recessed until tomorrow, March 2, 1995, at 12 noon.