

Senate and the Sergeant at Arms, and once again remind all Senators, their staffs, and others that if this impasse is not resolved tonight, it will be a lapse in appropriations, and therefore it will be necessary to shut down non-essential Senate operations effective at midnight tonight.

In brief, the Secretary of the Senate, at the direction of the Rules Committee, has advised all Members that they will be required to determine which of each Senator's staff are necessary in that Senator's judgment to support the Senate's legislative and other constitutional activities.

Further, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the memorandum of the Secretary of the Senate detailing which departments of the Secretary's office will remain open and those that will be closed. Specifically, I would like to point out that the Office of Public Records will by necessity be closed; also, to include a memorandum of the Sergeant at Arms detailing departments and offices under his jurisdiction, and kindly note that the Capitol and Senate office buildings will be open but there will be no Capitol guide service to facilitate our visitors. Members and staff should be advised that all food and beverage services in the U.S. Capitol under the jurisdiction of the Senate and in the Russell, Hart and Dirksen buildings will be suspended until further notice.

Lastly, I wish to emphasize that although many functions will be suspended, the U.S. Senate security will be at its full operational level.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
Washington, DC, November 13, 1995.

To: All Senate Offices.
From: Howard O. Greene, Jr., Sergeant at Arms
Re Sergeant at Arms services during anticipated furlough

In the likely event of a lapse in appropriations to the Legislative Branch of the Federal Government, furloughs will be implemented in certain areas of the Office of Sergeant at Arms (SAA). Those service areas which directly support the legislative and other Constitutional activities of the Senate will be fully staffed.

Most SAA departments will be open during this period, however, some departments will operate at reduced staffing levels.

Listed below are SAA offices that will be closed during the furlough period: Capitol Guide Service; Cabinet Shop; SAA Procurement Office; SAA Counsel Office; Congressional Special Services, (Exception: Interpreter will be on duty); Placement Office; All Drivers; Beauty and Barber Shop; Elevator Operators; Employee Assistance Program.

Partial Staff: Appointment Desk: Half staff. Garage: Half staff. Computer Center: Half staff. Human Resources: Half staff. ID Section: Half staff. Post Office: Half staff. Photographic: Half staff. Service Dept.: Half staff. Telecommunications Dept.: Half staff.

U.S. SENATE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, DC, November 13, 1995.

To: All Members.
From: Kelly D. Johnston.
Re potential lapse in appropriations.

At the direction of the Committee on Rules and Administration, I am writing to share with you some guidance on the furlough that will be required in the event of a lapse in appropriations to the Legislative Branch of the Federal Government. Each Member and each committee chairman will be required to determine which of his or her staff members are essential in the event of a lapse in appropriations.

If there is a lapse in appropriations, it will be necessary to shut down non-essential Senate operations, effective at 12 a.m. November 14, 1995. In that event, all non-essential staff will be placed in a furlough status until appropriations are made available.

Essential staff includes only those employees whose primary job responsibilities are directly related to or in support of legislative and other Constitutional activities. Any disruption in the employment of essential employees would render the Senate unable to exercise its powers as specified in Article I of the Constitution of the United States.

For your information, attached is a list of the essential personnel under the Secretary of the Senate, as prepared in consultation with the Senate Chief Counsel for Employment and the Senate Legal Counsel. This list may assist you in identifying which of your staff members are essential.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance in this matter.

Attachment.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE—
ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL LIST

Executive Office: Should be staffed to the extent necessary to administer other offices under the jurisdiction of the Secretary that remain open during the furlough. Also should be staffed to the extent necessary to ensure the continuation of computer services essential to allow the Senate to legislate during the furlough period.

Clerks: These offices should be staffed only to the extent the clerks are required to be on the Senate floor to allow the Senate to legislate during the furlough period.

Parliamentarian: Should be staffed only to the extent required to allow the Senate to legislate during the furlough period. Therefore, it should not be necessary to fully staff the office.

Captioning Services: All staff will be furloughed.

Historian: All staff will be furloughed.

Library: Should be staffed only to the extent required to allow the Senate to legislate during the furlough period. Therefore, it should not be necessary to fully staff the office.

Office Services: All staff will be furloughed.

Public Records: All staff will be furloughed.

Interparliamentary Services: All staff will be furloughed.

Daily Digest and Printing Services: Should be staffed only to the extent required to print the Congressional Record and to perform other legislative responsibilities in a timely manner.

Senate Gift Shop: All staff will be furloughed.

Stationery Room: All staff will be furloughed.

Senate Page School: Classes will be held.

Senate Security: Should be staffed only to the extent required to allow the Senate to legislate during the furlough period. Therefore, it should not be necessary to fully staff the office.

Conservation and Preservation: All staff will be furloughed.

Curator: All staff will be furloughed.

Document Room: Should be staffed necessary to ensure the delivery of documents needed on the Senate floor during the furlough period.

Official Reporters: All staff are essential.

Human Resources: Should be staffed to the extent necessary, if at all, to effectuate the furlough.

Senate Chief Counsel for Employment: Should be staffed to the extent necessary, if at all, to effectuate the furlough.

Disbursing: Should be staffed to the extent necessary to continue financial operations directly related to the functions of the Senate floor and to resolve financial issues relating to the furlough.

REPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC DEBT LIMIT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 95

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

To The Congress of the United States:

In disapproving H.R. 2586, a bill that would have, among other things, provided for a temporary increase in the public debt, I stated my desire to approve promptly a simple increase in the debt limit. Accordingly, I am forwarding the enclosed legislation that would provide for such an increase.

I urge the Congress to act on this legislation promptly and to return it to me for signing.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 13, 1995.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 1995, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 10, 1995, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 115) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes, and that the House concurs an amendment of the Senate with an amendment.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2394) to increase effective as of December 1, 1995, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2586) to provide for a temporary increase in the public debt limit, and for other purposes.