

PROGRAM

S. 1566

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, on Tuesday, January 27, when the Senate reconvenes the 105th Congress, second session, following a live quorum, the Senate will proceed to morning business then until 2 p.m.

Tuesday night at 9 p.m. is the President's State of the Union Address. Therefore, the Senate will reconvene Tuesday evening at approximately 8:30 p.m. in order to proceed as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives to hear the address of the President. There will be no legislative business on the 27th except for those items that may be cleared for action by unanimous consent. Therefore, no votes will occur during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 27.

Senators should be aware that following that day, on the 28th and after, we will be expected to call up early in the session the ISTEPA transportation bill, juvenile justice, the nomination of Margaret Morrow, and the nomination of Ann Aiken, both to be considered for judicial positions, and the nomination of Ann Aiken will be taken up prior to the end of the first week.

Again, I thank my colleagues for their cooperation during this session of Congress.

MILITARY VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1997

Mr. LOTT. Before we conclude then, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. 1566 introduced earlier today by Senator THURMOND.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1566) to amend the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 to protect the voting rights of military personnel, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1566) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Military Voting Rights Act of 1997".

SEC. 2. GUARANTEE OF RESIDENCY.

Article VII of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 (50 U.S.C. App. 590 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 704. (a) For purposes of voting for an office of the United States or of a State, a person who is absent from a State in compliance with military or naval orders shall not, solely by reason of that absence—

"(1) be deemed to have lost a residence or domicile in that State;

"(2) be deemed to have acquired a residence or domicile in any other State; or

"(3) be deemed to have become resident in or a resident of any other State.

"(b) In this section, the term 'State' includes a territory or possession of the United States, a political subdivision of a State, territory, or possession, and the District of Columbia."

SEC. 3. STATE RESPONSIBILITY TO GUARANTEE MILITARY VOTING RIGHTS.

(a) REGISTRATION AND BALLOTING.—Section 102 of the Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff-1) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(a) ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICES.—" before "Each State shall—"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: "(b) ELECTIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL OFFICES.—Each State shall—

"(1) permit absent uniformed services voters to use absentee registration procedures and to vote by absentee ballot in general, special, primary, and runoff elections for State and local offices; and

"(2) accept and process, with respect to any election described in paragraph (1), any otherwise valid voter registration application from an absent uniformed services voter if the application is received by the appropriate State election official not less than 30 days before the election."

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading for title I of such Act is amended by striking out "**FOR FEDERAL OFFICE**".

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 2709

Mr. LOTT. I understand H.R. 2709 has arrived from the House, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows.

A bill (H.R. 2709) to impose certain sanctions on foreign persons who transfer items contributing to Iran's efforts to acquire, de-

velop, or produce ballistic missiles, and to implement the obligations of the United States under the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Mr. LOTT. I would now ask for its second reading, and I object to my own request on behalf of the other side of the aisle.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

Mr. LOTT. Now, Mr. President, before any other bills come to our attention, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment sine die of the 1st session of the 105th Congress under the provisions of S. Con Res. 68 and S. J. Res. 39 until Tuesday, January 27, 1998, provided that the House adopts S. Con. Res. 68 and does not alter the text of the State-Justice-Commerce Appropriations Conference Report.

If either action occurs, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate reconvene on Friday, November 14, 1997, at 10 a.m.

There being no objection, at 7:56 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate November 13, 1997:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

RITA D. HAYES, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE DEPUTY U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

GAIL W. LASTER, OF NEW YORK, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

WILLIAM J. LYNN, III, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER).

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RAYMOND C. FISHER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

THE JUDICIARY

LYNN S. ADELMAN, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN.

NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE U.S. NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 624:

TO BE REAR ADMIRAL (LOWER HALF)

CAPT. HENRY G. ULRICH, III, 0000.