

what we would probably do on our side, if there is one that is developed as an alternative. Alternatives would have an opportunity under that proposal.

Since we couldn't get any kind of guarantee that we will get it to a conclusion, I have to object to the addition that Senator DASCHLE proposed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. DASCHLE. In that case, I will have to object to the offer made by the majority leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, it will be the intent of the leadership after we finish the Treasury-Postal appropriations bill that we will go to the Department of Defense appropriations bill. We would like to lay it down tonight and be prepared to stay on it.

I say to all Senators, that will be the final bill that we will take up this week. When we finish that bill, we will be prepared to recess for the August recess. That can be tomorrow night, that can be Friday morning, that can be Friday afternoon or Friday night. It will be our intent to stay on it, with cooperation from both sides of the aisle, to complete that very important Department of Defense appropriations bill.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, to clarify a comment just made by the majority leader, I know that he has indicated to me we will move to the Executive Calendar before the end of the week.

Mr. LOTT. Yes, we have a number of nominations that I believe we can clear, that we need to clear. We will be working on that beginning tomorrow night. I thought maybe we could do some tomorrow night and then some more on Friday, after we complete the Department of Defense appropriations bill. I yield the floor, Mr. President.

TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, Senator DASCHLE and I have been working to identify the remaining amendments and the time that will be necessary to debate those amendments. I thank Senator DASCHLE, again, for the time he spent on that.

I ask unanimous consent that the following amendments, as previously identified on the consent agreement, be limited to the following times, to be equally divided:

Senator BINGAMAN with regard to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, 20 minutes;

Senator BAUCUS regarding post office closings, 10 minutes;

Senator MCCONNELL regarding the Federal Elections Commission, 10 minutes;

Senator GLENN regarding FEC, 10 minutes;

Senator HARKIN regarding drug control, 30 minutes;

And Senator WELLSTONE regarding naming of a post office, 10 minutes.

We will continue to work with the Senators on this list to see if we can work them out and get them accepted, but we need to get this order lined up and identify what those amendments are to be.

Mr. GLENN. Reserving the right to object, I wonder if we can have 15 minutes on my side. We have a couple of people who want to make short remarks.

Mr. LOTT. I would modify that request, then, so we will have 15 minutes on each side?

Mr. GLENN. Yes.

Mr. LOTT. Now we are talking 30 minutes.

Mr. GLENN. That is right, instead of 20.

Mr. LOTT. Then Senator MCCONNELL will need 30 minutes. So you are talking about 30 minutes on each side—30 minutes equally divided or 30 minutes total?

Mr. GLENN. Thirty total.

Mr. LOTT. It would be 30 minutes equally divided on the McConnell amendment and 30 minutes on the Glenn amendment.

I remind our colleagues, it is a quarter till 7. I can't think of any profound statement that can be made that will take 30 minutes that will affect one iota the vote or its outcome. If the Senators will be willing to yield some of that time, that will be very helpful.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I appreciate my amendment being on the list. I would like 20 minutes equally divided.

Mr. LOTT. Baucus amendment, 20 minutes equally divided.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the majority leader's request?

Mr. WELLSTONE. Yes, there is.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Objection on two parts. First of all, with regard to the Gene McCarthy Post Office, if we are going to debate this, I would like to have that 20 minutes equally divided. And second of all, I did not agree—I thought we might reach an agreement—I did not agree to withdraw my other amendment. There is another amendment that should be added to the list that will deal with mental health or substance abuse as it affects Federal employees. I would like to have 20 minutes equally divided on that.

Mr. President, let me just add, I have been here in the afternoon ready to go with amendments, so I am not trying to delay anything.

Mr. DASCHLE. How much time did the Senator want on the second amendment?

Mr. WELLSTONE. Twenty minutes equally, if it is not accepted—maybe it

will be acceptable—20 minutes equally divided.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I believe this is sprouting wings here. I think I am going to at this point withdraw this agreement and notify Members I will move to table all amendments when offered. Unless we can get reasonable time agreements—we are now talking 1 hour, 2 hours, 3½ hours. What the heck, I will just move to table, and we will have a vote on each one of them.

Mr. BAUCUS. Will the Senator yield?

Mr. LOTT. I will be glad to yield.

Mr. BAUCUS. I say to the leader, I am willing to reduce mine down to 2 minutes if the Senator will agree to my amendment. (Laughter.)

Mr. LOTT. That would take unanimous consent. You might get my agreement, but I am not sure you will get the rest of them.

Mr. BAUCUS. If I get your agreement, I will reduce mine to 2 minutes.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Will the leader yield for and observation?

Mr. LOTT. I yield to the Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I say to the majority leader, Senator GLENN suggested that my amendment will require 30 minutes, 15 minutes on a side, and then he wanted 30 minutes for his amendment. I had offered him earlier in the day that we could adopt them both on voice vote which will require no time at all for the Senate. If I understand the GLENN amendment, it is adding \$2.8 million for the FEC; is that the GLENN amendment?

Mr. GLENN. Correct.

Mr. LOTT. Let me renew the request because Senator DASCHLE and I have other things we would like to do. If you want to talk and have votes, we will just be having votes every 20 minutes the rest of the night. We are not going to stack them. You need to be reasonable. The request as it now stands—does Senator GRAHAM have an addition?

Mr. GRAHAM. The central Florida drug trafficking area amendment.

Mr. LOTT. I understand you have an amendment in there which they are attempting to work out.

Mr. GRAHAM. I hope we can work it out. I want to be certain I am protected in the event.

Mr. LOTT. I renew my request with the present conditions:

Bingaman amendment for 20 minutes;

Baucus amendment for 20 minutes;

McConnell amendment for 30 minutes;

Glenn amendment for 30 minutes;

Harkin amendment for 30 minutes;

And Senator WELLSTONE, two amendments, 20 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, if you are not on this list, does this mean you are precluded from offering your amendment?

Mr. LOTT. No, you would be in the order about 10 or 11 o'clock.