

The resolution (S. Res. 12) reads as follows:

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*Resolved*, That the reappointment of Patricia Mack Bryan to be Senate Legal Counsel make by the President pro tempore this day is effective as of January 3, 2003, and the term of service of the appointee shall expire at the end of the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

Mr. FRIST. I move to reconsider.

Mr. NICKLES. I move to lay the motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

TO MAKE EFFECTIVE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. FRIST. I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 13) to make effective reappointment of Deputy Senate Legal Counsel.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 13) reads as follows:

S. RES. 13

*Resolved*, That the reappointment of Morgan J. Frankel to be Deputy Senate Legal Counsel made by the President pro tempore this day is effective as of January 3, 2003, and the term of service of the appointee shall expire at the end of the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. FRIST. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I now send to the desk 12 routine housekeeping unanimous consent agreements and ask they be agreed to en bloc.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Mr. BYRD. What are the resolutions? Will the clerk state them.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the unanimous consent requests.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

1. That for the duration of the 108th Congress, the Ethics Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate;

2. That for the duration of the 108th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any rollcall vote, with the warning signal to be sounded at the midway point, beginning at the last 7½ minutes, and when rollcall votes are of 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded at the beginning of the last 7½ minutes;

3. That during the 108th Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive reports at the desk when presented by

a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate;

4. That the Majority and Minority leaders may daily have up to 10 minutes each on each calendar day following the prayer and disposition of the reading of, or the approval of, the Journal;

5. That the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives and his five assistants be given the privileges of the floor during the 108th Congress;

6. That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as a House report unless specific request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed;

7. That the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 108th Congress to file reports during adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriations bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to suspend rule XVI, pursuant to rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, which proposed amendments shall be printed;

8. That, for the duration of the 108th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to House bills or resolution;

9. That for the duration of the 108th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and—with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions—messages from the House of Representatives; and that they be appropriately referred; and that the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Acting President pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions;

10. That for the duration of the 108th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal Clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to rotate such staff members as space allows;

11. That for the duration of the 108th Congress; it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the day when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive session that day; and

12. That for the remainder of the 108th Congress, Senators may be allowed to bring to the desk bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and simple resolutions, for referral to appropriate committees.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection? Without objection, the unanimous consent request is agreed to.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent there now be a period of morning business for up to 2 hours, equally divided in the usual form, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

OPENING OF THE 108TH CONGRESS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, 35 of our colleagues have just sworn the oath of a United States Senator. I wish to congratulate all 35 of our colleagues, the 11 new Members and the 24 returning to this Chamber. I also want to welcome back to the Senate the rest of our esteemed colleagues, the former Members and the many friends that we have with us today, and family members—all who have joined us on what is truly a historic day as we convene the 108th Congress.

The very special tradition that we have just witnessed dates back to that first Congress in 1789, when that oath was a very simple one sentence, the oath being:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Those words in the version that we just heard recited—when you come down to the essence—are a truly sacred bond that we all share in this body, regardless of what status, what State, what party, or what rank and what creed we represent.

Indeed, it is my hope that in this Congress we will be defined by achievement as well as a cooperative spirit.

At this point in time, our Nation faces truly historic challenges—winning the war against terror, boosting economic growth, job creation, addressing multiple health care challenges that now have become crises, and ensuring our agenda is inclusive of all Americans.

I look forward to working with our colleagues both on our side of the aisle and on the other side of the aisle—in particular with my colleague from South Dakota, Senator DASCHLE—to ensure that we succeed. I am convinced that we will find, based on our own principles, common ground to bridge this aisle between us.

As majority leader of the Senate, I pledge to serve this body, to serve the people of Tennessee, and to serve the American people to the best of my ability. I will remain guided by those same timeless principles of our founding documents. And, above all, I hope to enable this body to continue to contribute to the greatness of all Americans.

(Applause. Senators rising.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The democratic leader.

THE SENATE AT ITS BEST

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, let me congratulate the majority leader on his ascension to his new responsibilities and on his remarks just now. I have little doubt that we will be led well, and we will be led fairly. I look forward to working with him, as I know my whole caucus does as well.

I also congratulate our 35 returning colleagues—those 11 new Members and 24 Senators who are returning. There can be no more awesome responsibility than to sit at these historic desks—especially as we begin the 108th Congress.