

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE TWO HOUSES

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 8 which is at the desk; further, that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 8) was agreed to.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 108-1

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on January 9, 2003 by the President of the United States: Agreement Amending Treaty with Canada Concerning Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges (Treaty Document No. 108-1).

I further ask unanimous consent that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time, that it be referred with accompanying papers to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed, and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

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

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Agreement Amending the Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges done at Washington May 26, 1981 (the "Treaty"), effected by an exchange of diplomatic notes at Washington on July 17, 2002, and August 13, 2002 (the "Agreement"). I am also enclosing, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Secretary of State on the Agreement and a related agreement, effected by an exchange of notes at Washington on August 21, 2002, and September 10, 2002, amending the Annexes to the Treaty; this related agreement was concluded pursuant to Article VII of the Treaty.

The Treaty currently permits unlimited fishing for albacore tuna by vessels of each Party in waters under the jurisdiction of the other Party. The Agreement amends the Treaty to allow

for a limitation on such fishing necessitated by changing circumstances.

The U.S. fishing and processing industries strongly support the amendment to the Treaty. The amendment not only allows the Parties to redress the imbalance of benefits received by U.S. fishers that has developed in the operation of the Treaty, but also preserves U.S. interests under the Treaty, including the interest of U.S. fishers to fish in Canadian waters at times when the albacore stock moves northward, the interest of U.S. processors to continue to receive Canadian catches for processing, and the U.S. interest in being able to conserve and manage the stock.

The recommended legislation necessary to implement the Agreement will be submitted separately to the Congress.

I recommend that the Senate give favorable consideration to this Agreement and give its advice and consent to ratification at an early date.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, January 9, 2003.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2003

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., Friday, January 10; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that there then be a period of morning business until noon with the time equally divided, and that Senators be permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I would like to spread on the record the fact that I want to congratulate the majority whip, Senator McCONNELL, for his elevation to this job. I look forward to working with him. We have worked together on a number of issues over the years, and I have found him to be a gentleman and a good legislator. There is so much we have to do this year in this Congress. A lot that happens will depend on how he and I manage the floor. I am very happy he is going to be spending a lot of time on the floor. I look forward to working with him. With his advocacy and the work that I hope I will be able to do, we should be able to move the legislation along, maybe better than it has in the past. So I look forward to working with Senator McCONNELL. He was in a meeting that I attended yesterday with the President, and it was clear that we have so much to do for the good of the country. I hope we can set aside partisan differences most of the time and look forward to accomplishing what the people in this country—those from Kentucky, Nevada, and Georgia—really need.

Senator DASCHLE and I pledge our support to do that and I hope we can do that in the months to come.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip is recognized.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I, too, look forward to working with Senator REID. I have known him for many years and have admired his great work. I am confident that we will get along well and advance the business of the people to the maximum extent possible, and whatever partisan differences develop along the way, I know neither of us will take that personally. As we know, the most important vote is always the next one. So I look forward to continuing our good relationship. We will be spending a lot of time together in this Chamber.

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, the Senate will be in session tomorrow. It is the leader's hope that we will be able to pass the respective party committee resolutions. As he mentioned previously, it is important that we get that done so that the committees can begin their work. Therefore, rollcall votes are possible during Friday's session. Normally, these routine committee resolutions are agreed to by consent. I hope that will be the case in this instance. Having said that, until this is resolved, Members should expect votes.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:30 p.m., adjourned until Friday, January 10, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 9, 2003:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

GERALD REYNOLDS, OF MISSOURI, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VICE NORMA V. CANTU, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

STEVEN C. BEERING, OF INDIANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2004, VICE CHANG-LIN TIEN, RESIGNED.

BARRY C. BARRISH, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2008, VICE EAMON M. KELLY, TERM EXPIRED.

RAY M. BOWEN, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2008, VICE VERA C. RUBIN, TERM EXPIRED.

DELORIS M. ETTTER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2008, VICE JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, TERM EXPIRED.

KENNETH M. FORD, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2008, VICE M.R.C. GREENWOOD, TERM EXPIRED.

DANIEL E. HASTINGS, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2008, VICE BOB H. SUZUKI, TERM EXPIRED.

ELIZABETH HOFFMAN, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL