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The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2003, at 2 p.m.

Senate

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MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003—Continued

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, we previously entered into a unanimous consent request concerning H.J. Res. 2. I have been asked and do offer an amendment to that. I ask unanimous consent the consent agreement for H.J. Res. 2 be modified to provide for a motion to instruct the conferees to be made by Senator STABENOW or her designee, and there be a 20-minute time limitation for debate, equally divided in the usual form, with no amendments in order to the motion.

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

Mr. STEVENS. It is my understanding this has been cleared by both sides. But it provides that the Senator may offer a motion to instruct the conferees, which she had a right to do. But that request, unfortunately, was not presented by those who were working up the consent agreement. I appreciate the Chair allowing me to modify it at the request of Senator STABENOW.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MAKING MAJORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS—Resumed

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume consideration of S. Res. 18.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I am pleased to inform my colleagues that we are finally prepared to adopt our respective committee resolutions. It gives me great pleasure, after negotiation in good faith by both sides that we are bringing this issue to a conclusion. I believe this understanding for this 108th Congress is fair to both sides of the aisle. With this agreement, I am grateful that we are able to proceed with assigning committee seats and that we will be able to begin what we are here to accomplish and what we are all about in this Nation's business.

I do want to thank Members on both sides of the aisle for their patience as we have worked constructively together—Democrat and Republican—to accomplish what we are about to do. I particularly thank the Democratic leader, and, as I mentioned this morning and I think he mentioned as well late last night and throughout the course of today, we have had both of our staffs working together very closely. So I thank the Democratic leader for his efforts.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the pending resolution be modified with the change that I now send to the desk.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the resolution, as modified, be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; further, that immediately upon its passage, a joint leadership letter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 18), as modified, was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 18

Resolved, That notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXV, the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the following standing committees for the 108th Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry: Mr. Cochran (Chairman), Mr. LUGAR, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Talent, Mrs. Dole, and Mr. Grassley.

Committee on Appropriations: Mr. Stevens (Chairman), Mr. Cochran, Mr. Specter, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Bond, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Craig, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. DeWine, and Mr. Brownback.

Committee on Armed Services: Mr. Warner (Chairman), Mr. McCain, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Allard, Mr. Sessions, Ms. Collins, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Talent, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Graham of South Carolina, Mrs. Dole, and Mr. Cornyn.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Mr. Shelby (Chairman), Mr. Bennett, Mr. Allard, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Santorum, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Sununu, Mrs. Dole, and Mr. Chafee.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Mr. McCain (Chairman), Mr. Stevens, Mr. Burns, Mr. Lott, Mrs. Hutchison, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Brownback, Mr. Smith, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Sununu.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Mr. Domenici (Chairman), Mr. Nickles, Mr. Craig, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Talent, Mr. Burns, Mr. Smith, Mr. Bunning, and Mr. Kyl.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Mr. Inhofe (Chairman), Mr. Warner, Mr. Bond, Mr. Voinovich, Mr. Crapo, Mr.

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Chafee, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Allard.

Committee on Finance: Mr. Grassley (Chairman), Mr. Hatch, Mr. Nickles, Mr. Lott, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Kyl, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Santorum, Mr. Frist, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Bunning.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Mr. Lugar (Chairman), Mr. Hagel, Mr. Chafee, Mr. Allen, Mr. Brownback, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Voinovich, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Coleman, and Mr. Sununu.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Ms. Collins (Chairman), Mr. Stevens, Mr. Voinovich, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Specter, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Sununu, and Mr. Shelby.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions: Mr. Gregg (Chairman), Mr. Frist, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Bond, Mr. DeWine, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Graham of South Carolina, and Mr. Warner.

Committee on the Judiciary: Mr. Hatch (Chairman), Mr. Grassley, Mr. Specter, Mr. Kyl, Mr. DeWine, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Graham of South Carolina, Mr. Craig, Mr. Chambliss, and Mr. Cornyn.

Committee on the Judiciary: Mr. Hatch (Chairman), Mr. Grassley, Mr. Specter, Mr. Kyl, Mr. DeWine, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Graham of South Carolina, Mr. Craig, Mr. Chambliss, and Mr. Cornyn.

Committee on Rules and Administration: Mr. Lott (Chairman), Mr. Stevens, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Santorum, Mr. Nickles, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Frist, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Chambliss.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Ms. Snowe (Chairman), Mr. Bond, Mr. Burns, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Allen, Mr. Ensign, and Mr. Coleman.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Specter (Chairman), Mr. Campbell, Mr. Craig, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Graham of South Carolina, and Mr. Murkoswski.

Special Committee on Aging: Mr. Craig (Chairman), Mr. Shelby, Ms. Collins, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Smith, Mr. Talent, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Hatch, Mrs. Dole, Mr. Stevens, and Mr. Santorum.

Committee on the Budget: Mr. Nickles (Chairman), Mr. Domenici, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Allard, Mr. Burns, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Ensign, and Mr. Cornyn.

Select Committee on Ethics: Mr. Voinovich (Chairman), Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Thomas.

Committee on Indian Affairs: Mr. Campbell (Chairman), Mr. McCain, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Murkowski.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Mr. Roberts (Chairman), Mr. Hatch, Mr. DeWine, Mr. Bond, Mr. Lott, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Chambliss, and Mr. Warner.

Joint Economic Committee: Mr. Bennett (Chairman), Mr. Brownback, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Sununu, Mr. Alexander, and Ms. Collins.

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

U.S. SENATE,
Washington, DC

JOINT LEADERSHIP LETTER

We mutually commit to the following for only the 108th Congress:

The budgets of the Committees of the Senate, including Joint and Special Committees, and all other subgroups, shall be apportioned to reflect the ratio of the Senate as of this date, with up to an additional ten percent (10%) to be allocated to Chairmen for administrative expenses, to be determined by the Rules committee, with the total administra-

tive expenses allocation for all Committees not to exceed historic levels. The additional administrative expenses described above shall be available to be expended by a Committee Chairman, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Committee. Funds for committee expenses shall be available to Chairmen consistent with Senate rules and practices of the 107th Congress. No committee budget shall be allocated to reduce the Democratic staff salary baseline from that of fiscal year 2002 (including COLA), as adjusted by approved COLAs for fiscal year 2003 and fiscal year 2004. The Chairman and Ranking Member of any committee may, by mutual agreement, modify the apportionment of Committee funding referenced in this letter. The division of Committee office space shall be commensurate with this funding agreement.

BILL FRIST,

Majority Leader.

TED STEVENS.

TRENT LOTT.

THOMAS A. DASCHLE,

Democratic Leader.

ROBERT C. BYRD.

CHRISTOPHER J. DODD.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand the Democratic leader is prepared to offer his resolution at this time.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I commend the distinguished majority leader, and let me just say how grateful I am for the work done by his primary staff person, Mitch Bainwol, and my staff person, Mark Childress. These two men have done a remarkable job. I don't know Mr. Bainwol, but I must say that Mark Childress deserves special commendation, as does Mitch Bainwol, for the work they have done in bringing us to this point, working in good faith to resolve these many questions. So I thank our staff.

I thank all of those Senators with whom we consulted throughout this process. I agree with what the majority leader has said; this is a fair resolution that accommodates the needs of both of our caucuses.

MAKING MINORITY PARTY ASSIGNMENTS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I send S. Res. 20, the Democratic committee assignment resolution, to the desk and ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 20) making minority party appointments to certain Senate committees for the 108th Congress.

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

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, the resolution just sent to the desk is one that provides for the organization of the U.S. Senate in the 108th Congress.

In the last Congress, we saw unprecedented challenges in the Senate. A switch in power September 11, anthrax, and the loss of our friend and colleague, Paul Wellstone.

I believe, in working through those challenges—and, in many cases, our

own grief—we lived up to James Madison's expectation that the Senate would be the great "anchor" of the Government.

Now, in the Congress, we face new and growing challenges:

We need to do far more to tackle terrorism abroad, and make our country more secure at home.

We also need to recognize that national strength depends on economic strength, and work to get the economy growing—with new jobs and better incomes.

We need to deal with a growing deficit that poses a growing danger to Social Security and Medicare.

On these issues, and so many more, we have much to do. And that requires getting the Senate organized to do it.

By passing this resolution, our new colleagues and new chairmen can take their places on committees and committees can take action on legislation.

This resolution provides, consistent with Senate precedent, for a one-seat margin on Senate committees.

We have agreed that committee funds will be divided by a ratio of 51 percent to 49 percent.

As in the 107th Congress, we have also agreed to provide an additional 10 percent to be spent for administrative expenses.

We are also assuring a smooth transition period by guaranteeing that our new ranking members' salary budgets are maintained at the same level they received as chairmen in the last Congress.

Finally, the understanding entered into by myself, the distinguished majority leader, and the chairs and ranking members of the Rules and Appropriations Committees provides that the division of committee space will commensurate with this funding agreement.

The agreement we have reached today reflects the same arrangement we had in 107th Congress when Democrats were a 51–49 majority.

It is fair to both parties, it is equitable, and I hope that it is indicative of a spirit of fairness that will mark the way we work in this Congress.

This organizing resolution is the result of a series of conversations I had with Senator FRIST.

We all know that Senator FRIST took on a great deal of responsibility in a very short time I hope that our ability to work together on this agreement will pave the way for future agreements.

I also thank Senators LOTT, DODD, STEVENS and BYRD for their help in helping us reach this agreement.

I am confident that this resolution is the right way to keep the Senate working. I ask my colleagues to support it so that we can continue with the work of the Senate.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without any intervening action or debate.