APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic leader, after consultation with the members of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and the Committee on Aging, pursuant to Public Law 100–175, as amended by Public Laws 102–375, 103–171, and 106–501, appoints the following individual as a member of the Policy Committee to the White House Conference on Aging: the Honorable HARRY REID of Nevada.

Mr. REID. Every 10 years, the President convenes a White House Conference on Aging—WHCoA. It conducts extensive work to understand and develop policy recommendations on issues of critical importance to our seniors.

The WHCoA is made up of a Policy Committee recommended by Congress and the President from the public and private sector. The work of the committee culminates in the October WHCoA which will be attended by 12,000 delegates and other officials. The theme of this year's conference, ''The Booming Dynamics of Aging: From Awareness to Action'' will deal with a broad range of issues from workplace opportunities for older workers to health care and access to affordable prescription drugs.

Following the October meeting, WHCoA formulates a series of policy recommendations for Congress and the President.

Senator Daschle was gracious enough to place me on the policy committee because of my strong interest in the topics it would consider. Many of those issues are of critical importance to Nevadans. In particular, I assumed a position on the Health and Long Living Subcommittee because its work will focus on access to care and affordable prescription drugs, disease prevention and quality of care.

Today, I have decided to pass the torch of this important post to my friend and colleague, Thomas E. Gallagher. These issues are near to his heart. Tom will be an important voice on the WHCoA for Nevadans and all Americans.

Tom's extensive private sector experience will be a great asset to the conference as it works to formulate recommendations to Congress. Through his work as chief executive officer—CEO—chief administrative officer and general counsel of several Fortune 500 Companies, Tom became intimately familiar with the health care challenges facing the business community.

For example, as President and CEO of Park Place Entertainment—now Caesars Entertainment—Mr. Gallagher reached a historic contract with Nevada's Culinary Union resulting in fully paid health care and free prescription drugs for employees, as well as retiree benefits for seniors.

Prior to his corporate management work, Tom was a partner in Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, specializing in corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions. He graduated magna cum laude from the College of Holy Cross in Worchester, MA in 1966. He graduated from Harvard Law School with honors in 1969 and was the Editor-in-Chief of the Harvard Journal on Legislation.

I plan to work closely with Tom as he works on the WHCoA on meetings to help ensure that the issues and view of Nevadans are explored in the listening sessions, solution meetings and other WHCoA events.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate begin consideration of S. 5, the class action bill, on Monday, February 7, at a time to be determined by the majority leader after consultation with the Democratic leader; that Monday's consideration be limited to debate only; that during the consideration of the bill amendments be limited to those which are related to the subject matter of the bill.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 7.

I further ask unanimous consent 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, and the Senate begin a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; provided that at 3 p.m. the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 5, the class action bill, as provided under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, on Monday, following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of the class action bill. The managers of the bill will be here on Monday. I encourage Members to make themselves available for opening statements. The previous order provides for debate only on the class action bill during Monday's session, and I expect we will start the amendment process early on Tuesday.

I would also announce to my colleagues that we are working on a resolution relating to the recent elections in Iraq. It is our intent to have a vote on that resolution on Monday evening at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Again, we do not have that locked in, but we will be working in good faith on the final language and agreement for that 5:30 vote.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2005, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. FRIST. 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 6:07 p.m., adjourned until Monday, February 7, 2005, at 2 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate: Thursday, February 3, 2005:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To be attorney general

ALBERTO R. GONZALES, OF TEXAS