

a.m. in closed session to mark up the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

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

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed to speak in morning business for up to 15 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ALEXANDER. I thank the Senator from Oklahoma for assuming the Chair, and I congratulate him for the progress on the highway bill. He has been working on the bill ever since I have been in the Senate. It looks like it is ready to be passed.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee is recognized.

Mr. ALEXANDER. I thank the Chair. (The remarks of Mr. Alexander pertaining to the introduction of S. 1034 are printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 16,
2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 16. I further ask 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 reserved, and the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 3, the highway bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, on Monday the Senate will resume consideration of the highway bill. As a reminder, we reached an agreement last night that limits the final list of amendments in order prior to passage. Those amendments also must be offered no later than 4 p.m. on Monday afternoon. Senators who have amendments on the list should make themselves available to come to the floor Monday afternoon in order to get their amendments pending. We will also have at least one rollcall vote Monday,

beginning at 5:30 p.m. That vote will be in relation to an amendment on the highway bill, and it is possible we will stack another amendment for a vote to follow the 5:30 vote.

I do thank the chairman and ranking member, who have been here throughout the week working through amendments and moving this important legislation forward. Thanks to their efforts, we were able to establish a roadmap that will allow us to move to passage of the bill on Tuesday of next week.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
MAY 16, 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 11:42 a.m., adjourned until Monday, May 16, 2005, at 2 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate May 13, 2005:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JAMES B. LETTEN, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE EDDIE J. JORDAN, JR., RESIGNED.