

PROVIDING AUTHORITIES FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4436, which was received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4436) to provide certain authorities for the Department of State, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 4436) was read the third time and passed.

CENTENNIAL OF SUSTAINED IMMI-
GRATION FROM THE PHIL-
IPPINES TO THE UNITED STATES

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 218, which is at the desk.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 218) recognizing the centennial of sustained immigration from the Philippines to the United States and acknowledging the contributions of our Filipino-American community to our country over the last century.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that an Akaka amendment at the desk be agreed to, the concurrent resolution, as amended, be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the concurrent resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 2679) was agreed to, as follows:

Beginning on page 4, line 8, strike "requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on" and insert "urges".

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 218), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST
TIME—H.R. 2892

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2892) to amend section 255 of the National Housing Act to remove the limitation on the number of reverse mortgages that may be insured under the FHA mortgage insurance program for such mortgages.

Mr. McCONNELL. I now ask for its second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read again on the next legislative day.

ORDER TO SUBMIT TRIBUTES

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senators be permitted to submit tributes to Senator (Governor-elect) CORZINE for the RECORD until December 29, 2005, and that they be printed as a Senate document.

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

PREDISASTER MITIGATION PRO-
GRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT
OF 2005

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4324, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4324) to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster mitigation program, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 4324) was read the third time and passed.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER
16, 2005

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the

Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on tomorrow, Friday, December 16. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then proceed to a period of morning business for up to 30 minutes, with the Democrats in control of the first 15 minutes and the majority controlling the second 15 minutes.

I further ask that the Senate then resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3199, the PATRIOT Act, and there then be 60 minutes of debate equally divided between the majority and the minority, followed by a vote on a motion to invoke cloture on the conference report.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Tomorrow morning at approximately 11 o'clock, the Senate will have a cloture vote on the PATRIOT Act conference report. Senators should anticipate additional votes during tomorrow's session as we work through these last must-do items for this session. Executive items will also be considered as we work to complete action before breaking for the Christmas holidays. We will likely be in session through the weekend.

I thank Senators for their patience and hard work to get through the final stretch of activity for this session of the 109th Congress.

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 and as a further mark of respect to Senator William Proxmire.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:54 p.m., adjourned until Friday, December 16, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate December 15, 2005:

THE JUDICIARY

STEPHEN G. LARSON, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, VICE ROBERT J. TIMLIN, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TERRANCE P. FLYNN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE MICHAEL A. BATTLE, RESIGNED.