

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask that any further proceedings at this time not proceed. In fact, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The measure will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 27, 2007

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Tuesday, February 27; that on Tuesday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then be in a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the Republican leader or his designee and the second 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designees; that at 12:30 p.m. the Senate stand in recess until 2:15 p.m. in order to accommodate a meeting of the respective caucuses; further, that at 2:15 p.m. the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 184 and the time until 2:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the majority and Republican leaders or their designees; that the live quorum required under rule XXII with respect to this cloture motion be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Tomorrow, the Senate will conduct a period of morning business until the time when the Senate recesses for the conference work periods.

Madam President, we had a vote scheduled for 9:30 on cloture of the

Commerce aspect of the homeland security work we are going to be doing in the next couple weeks. Because of various clerical problems and just the way the Senate works, the bulk of the homeland security work we are going to be doing—probably 65 percent of it—deals with the Homeland Security Subcommittee, chaired by Senator LIEBERMAN. The ranking member is Senator COLLINS. About 15 percent of what we are going to be doing deals with Banking and about 20 percent or thereabouts—these are all rough estimates—deals with the Commerce Committee.

We are going to invoke cloture on the Commerce aspect—an effort to move it forward by 1 day—because with the first amendment, after we got on this legislation, we would move to put the homeland security legislation in, which basically has it all in it anyway.

I have spoken at some length with the distinguished Republican leader, and it was felt by both of us it would be better if we could speak to our two caucuses tomorrow during the lunch hour to see how we should proceed tomorrow afternoon. That is why we changed the time for voting from in the morning until 2:30 tomorrow afternoon.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote occur tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Tomorrow, the Senate will conduct a period of morning business until the time when the Senate recesses for the conference work periods. I will continue to discuss the schedule with the Republican leader with respect to the 9/11 Commission legislation, as I indicated. So for scheduling purposes, Members should be here at 2:30 for the cloture vote. If we are able to vitiate that vote, Members will be notified in a timely fashion.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. REID. If there is no further business to come before the Senate today and if the Republican leader has no further business, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:12 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 26, 2007:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

S. WARD CASCHELLS, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE WILLIAM WINKENWERDER, JR.

CLAUDE M. KICKLIGHTER, OF GEORGIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VICE JOSEPH E. SCHMITZ, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

WILLIAM CHARLES OSTENDORFF, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, VICE JERALD S. PAUL, RESIGNED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

Lt. GEN. VICTOR E. RENUART, JR., 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. THOMAS J. MASIELLO, 0000

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate February 26, 2007:

IN THE COAST GUARD

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF THOMAS W. DENUCCI, 0000, TO BE LIEUTENANT.

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF EDWARD J. MOSELY, 0000, TO BE LIEUTENANT.

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF TERESA K. PEACE, 0000, TO BE LIEUTENANT.