

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

A resolution (S. Res. 333) to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating there be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 333) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 333

Whereas, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs conducted an investigation in 2003 and 2004 into abusive practices by the credit counseling industry;

Whereas, the Subcommittee has received a request from a federal law enforcement agency for access to records of the Subcommittee's investigation;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate can, by administrative or judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate is needed for the promotion of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, acting jointly, are authorized to provide to federal or state law enforcement or regulatory agencies and officials records of the Subcommittee's investigation into abusive practices by the credit counseling industry.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that tomorrow following the time for the two leaders, there be 2 hours for debate, equally divided be-

tween the two leaders, prior to the cloture vote on the Kennedy amendment No. 3035; that upon the completion of that time, the Senate vote on the cloture motion relative to that amendment; that if cloture is invoked there be 2 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form, followed by a vote on the amendment; that if cloture is not invoked the amendment be withdrawn; that there then be 2 minutes for debate prior to the cloture vote on the Hatch amendment No. 3047; that if cloture is invoked, there be 2 minutes for debate prior to the vote on the amendment; that if cloture is not invoked the amendment be withdrawn; that following the disposition of these amendments there then be 2 minutes for debate prior to the cloture vote on the motion to concur in House amendments to H.R. 976, the Children's Health Insurance bill; further, that the live quorums in each case under rule XXII be waived.

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I appreciate everyone's cooperation. I will say we have a lot to do. It is all up to us when we get it done. I hope it does not spill over into the weekend. If things work out right, we could finish everything tomorrow. We will have to see. But we are going to try to. I know that may be wishful thinking on my part. But we are going to try to get as much done as we can.

Mr. McCONNELL. Will the leader yield?

Mr. REID. Yes.

Mr. McCONNELL. It strikes me that there is no good reason why we should not wrap this up tomorrow. I think virtually all of the items left to be dealt with, there is broad agreement on on a bipartisan basis that we ought to pass.

I will be working with the majority leader to complete our work for the week at the earliest possible time.

Mr. REID. I say to my friend, I wish to be able to complete, prior to a week from Friday, the Defense appropriations bill.

I would also like to have a run at Commerce-State-Justice, which deals with the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration. I would like to be able to do those two appropriations bills before we leave. We have a tremendous burden to do the rest of the appropriations bills. The House has passed them. It is easier for them to do than us. I have requested that we start our conferences. I want real conferences like we used to have around here when the distinguished Republican leader and I were a little bit younger, when we actually had conferences where people sat down and

talked about different issues. We are going to try to do that and get a number of these done so we can send them to the President. I think that is what will get this program moving along.

I have spoken to the head of the Office of Management and Budget. Even though he may not be able to agree with what I want, I have found him a person who is agreeable. I talk to him anytime I call him.

Maybe we can work our way through this. But we can't do it unless we have bills that are completed that we can send to the President. It is not just going to happen by magic. I personally believe it is not good for this country to have long-standing continuing resolutions. We need to do our job. That is why I hope we can complete our work so next week we can do the appropriations bills.

Mr. McCONNELL. If the majority leader will yield once again, I concur with the goal of completing those two appropriations bills next week. I will be encouraging everyone on this side to work in a cooperative spirit to achieve the result the majority leader has laid out. It is good for the Senate and good for the country to get this work done. We will be cooperating in every way possible toward that end.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow morning, September 27; that on September 27, 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 reserved for their use later in the day; that the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 1585 as provided under the previous order; that Members have until 10:30 a.m. to file any germane second-degree amendments.

I would say, because of the request of a number of Members, I will not use any leader time in the morning. We will move immediately to the legislation before this body and have the full 2 hours. I will not use any leader time in the morning.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. REID. If the Republican leader has nothing further, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:47 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 9 a.m.