

treat alcohol, making it illegal to ship them through the U.S. mails and cutting off a large portion of the delivery system.

In addition to cracking down on tobacco smuggling, the bill will keep tobacco out of the hands of kids. One of the primary ways children get access to cigarettes today is on the Internet and through the mails. The PACT Act contains a strong age verification section that will prevent online sales of cigarettes by requiring sellers to use a method of shipment that includes a signature and photo ID check upon delivery. Most States already have similar laws on the books, and this would simply make sure that we have a national standard to ensure that the Internet is not being used to evade ID checks required at our grocery and convenience stores.

It is important to point out that this bill has been carefully drafted, following negotiations with numerous interested parties, including the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, the National Association of Attorneys General, the Department of Justice, and various tribal groups, to ensure that it would be strictly neutral in regards to tribal sovereignty and tribal immunity rights. The PACT Act would neither expand nor contract the current scope of tribal sovereignty and immunity, as determined by Federal statute and judicial interpretations. Also, the bill makes clear that it cannot be used to expand, contract, or otherwise change

the scope of tribal sovereignty and immunity.

The commonsense approach of the PACT Act has brought together a strong coalition of supporters. Tobacco companies and public health advocates; State law enforcement and Federal law enforcement; and Republicans and Democrats alike all agree that this is an issue that must be addressed. Today, we begin to provide law enforcement authorities with the tools they need to combat a very serious threat to our States' coffers, national security, and public health.

Again, I thank leadership, the co-sponsors of the bill, and all of my colleagues for their support of the PACT Act.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the committee substitute be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1147), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

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ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 15,  
2010

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Sen-

ate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 15; that 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 proceed to a period of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each. Finally, I ask that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the House message on H.R. 2847.

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

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PROGRAM

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, tonight cloture was filed on the motion to concur with respect to the legislative vehicle for the HIRE Act. The cloture vote will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,  
MARCH 15, 2010, at 2 p.m.

Mr. DURBIN. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:18 p.m., adjourned until Monday, March 15, 2010, at 2 p.m.