

international meetings how they are complying with safety principles, the Convention should encourage countries to improve nuclear safety domestically and thus result in an increase in nuclear safety worldwide. I urge the Senate to act expeditiously in giving its advice and consent to ratification.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 11, 1995.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1995

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in recess until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 1995; that following the prayer the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then immediately resume consideration of S. 534 the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

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

Mr. CHAFEE. I ask unanimous consent that Members have until 10 a.m. to file second-degree amendments to S. 534.

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

Mr. CHAFEE. I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote on the committee substitute occur at 10 a.m. on Friday, and that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. CHAFEE. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will resume consideration of the Solid Waste Disposal Act tomorrow. A cloture vote will occur on the committee substitute at 10 a.m. Senators should be on notice that it is the hope of the leader to complete action on this bill on Friday. Also the leader may want to consider Calendar No. 92, H.R. 483, the Medicare select bill. Therefore, votes will occur throughout Friday's session of the Senate.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, will the distinguished acting floor leader yield for a question?

Mr. CHAFEE. I certainly will.

Mr. FORD. Since he is the floor manager of the bill, regardless of whether cloture is voted tomorrow or not, what amendments and how many would he think we might have? Does he have a ballpark figure? There are a good many amendments that have been filed. I wonder. Most of them are germane.

Mr. CHAFEE. I think the bidding has changed since this last vote. I would expect tomorrow we would have several votes in the morning rather rapidly, I hope. Just call them up.

Mr. FORD. That might be a little hard to do, call them up and vote on them or move to table.

Mr. CHAFEE. I hope that they will be brought up.

As I say, the situation has changed since this last vote. If we had prevailed on this last vote, I would have thought we would be able to finish tomorrow by 2 o'clock, something like that. Now, the situation has changed, so it is a little difficult to say. All I can say is we will move these amendments along as fast as we can.

Mr. FORD. I understand there might be some Senators leaving at an early hour tomorrow and it might not be appropriate to have these votes when they would miss so many.

I wonder if, after cloture, we may have one or two and that might end it for the day, but I see the heads are shaking, so you do not want me to know that tonight.

Mr. CHAFEE. It is not a question of not wanting the Senator to know. If we told him something, it would be from ignorance, I am afraid.

In any event, it would be my hope that we could finish tomorrow at a decent hour, but I am not so sure based on that last vote we had.

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE ACT

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume the pending business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 534) to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide authority for States to limit the interstate transportation of municipal solid waste, and for other purposes.

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

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

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

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I would like to seek the chairman's clarification of the relationship between the flow-control provisions of S. 534 and existing State law. Section 4012(i)(2) of the bill before the Senate states that "[n]othing in the section shall be construed to authorize a political subdivision of a State to exercise flow control authority granted by this section in a manner that is inconsistent with State law."

Am I correct that this language would restrict a local government from exercising flow control if an existing State statute does not grant such authority to a local government, such as section 15.1-28.01 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended?

Mr. ROBB. I share the concerns of my senior colleague. In Virginia, local governments and private industry have worked over the years to develop a fair

compromise to provide for an effective integrated waste management system. It is not our intention to have this legislation interfere with that balance.

Mr. SMITH. The Senators from Virginia are correct. This legislation is not intended to expand a local government's flow-control authority beyond that permitted under existing State law.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I have a series of amendments that have been agreed to. I will send them to the desk successively.

AMENDMENT NO. 861

(Purpose: To allow exemption from certain requirements of units in small, remote Alaska villages)

Mr. CHAFEE. The first is an amendment by Senator MURKOWSKI. I send the amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. CHAFEE], for Mr. MURKOWSKI, proposes an amendment numbered 861.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 69, line 19, before "would be infeasible" insert "or unit that is located in or near a small, remote Alaska village".

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, we have examined this amendment and we have no objection to it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

The amendment (No. 861) was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 868

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration. This amendment is proposed by Senator MOYNIHAN.

The amendment has the agreement of both sides.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. CHAFEE], for Mr. MOYNIHAN, proposes an amendment numbered 868.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

On page 60, line 7, strike the word "a" and insert "the particular".

On page 60, line 8, strike the word "facility" and insert in its place "facilities or public service authority".

On page 60, line 15, strike the word "facility" and insert in its place "facilities or public service authority".

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, this amendment has been examined on this side and we are in agreement with it.