

we have been under this budget process—since 1974—this may be the latest, if not one of the latest dates that Congress has gone prior to the time it has completed its work.

Mr. REID. I also ask this question of the leader. Is it not true that when one of the elements of the Contract With America was sent to us from the House that we in the Senate acted upon that with an amendment and that the Senate adopted regulatory reform? In effect, what it said is, if there is a regulation promulgated to have a financial impact over \$100 million, that there would be the ability for a legislative veto for 45 days, and the regulation would not become effective for 45 days?

Mr. DASCHLE. The Senator is correct. In fact, the Senator from Nevada was the author of the legislation.

Mr. REID. Is it not true that if a regulation was promulgated for less than \$100 million, it would become effective immediately but that we would have the opportunity to in effect veto that within 45 days?

Mr. DASCHLE. The Senator from Nevada is exactly correct. His memory is perfect.

Mr. REID. Is it not true that amendment was offered by a Republican Senator, Senator NICKLES, and this Senator, and passed by a vote of 100 to nothing?

Mr. DASCHLE. The Senator is correct.

Mr. REID. Is it not true that took place approximately 5 months ago, and conferees have not been appointed as a result of inactivity of the majority?

Mr. DASCHLE. The Senator is correct.

Mr. REID. So we in effect have tried to do regulatory reform, have we not, in this body, and we passed comprehensive regulatory "reform," in some people's minds, by a vote of 100 to nothing?

Mr. DASCHLE. The Senator is absolutely correct. We passed a line-item veto, a legislative veto, and we passed a number of issues relating directly to changing the regulations under which Congress must operate, changing the regulations under which we deal with States, and unfunded mandates. We have had a series of regulatory reform measures already passed, unfortunately many of which have not been passed into law as a result of the Republican opposition.

Mr. REID. And, in fact, I say to my friend, is not it also true, I repeat, that we have been waiting for conferees to be appointed on the regulatory reform that passed this body by 100 to nothing for 5 months?

Mr. DASCHLE. The Senator is absolutely right. There has been no consideration of legislation in conference because the conferees have not been appointed.

Mr. REID. I also say to my friend in the form of a question, is it not true that habeas corpus has been debated on this floor not for hours, not for weeks, but for months, if we add up time over the last 3 or 4 years?

Mr. DASCHLE. The Senator is correct. We have had countless hearings and extraordinary debate on the Senate floor. We have had countless amendments offered as alternatives to legislation that passed. This has been an issue that has been hotly debated for not only weeks and months but for years now in prior Congresses.

Mr. REID. I say to my friend, the distinguished minority leader, is it not true also that habeas corpus reform is not a partisan issue? Is that not true?

Mr. DASCHLE. That is correct. The Senator from Nevada is correct in stating that there are Democrats and Republicans on both sides of the issue.

Mr. REID. In fact, I say to my friend from South Dakota, is it not true that on occasions this Senator has joined my colleagues on the other side of the aisle for habeas corpus reform?

Mr. DASCHLE. I would have to go back and check the record, but I will take the Senator's word for it.

Mr. REID. I would ask if you can give this Senator, or the people of this country, any reason why on extending the debt limit we would have habeas corpus, regulatory reform, or termination of these agencies—some of which I agree to—but should we not vote those up or down?

Mr. DASCHLE. I think the Senator makes a very good point. The answer can be provided in one word. The word is "coercion." This is the Republican effort to coerce the President to sign legislation that otherwise he would veto; to sign legislation that he philosophically finds at fault; to sign legislation that many of us on this side of the aisle are very uncomfortable with; to sign legislation that has not been resolved in the case of regulatory reform. It is to finish unfinished business that ought not be finished for good reason—because we have not been able to resolve our differences.

So they are putting it in this language in the hope—and it is only a hope, because the President made it very clear today when he vetoed the bill, it is a false hope that somehow we can resolve these issues by loading up a bill as critical as it is, as the debt limit and the continuing resolution are.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair would like to remind the Senator from South Dakota that the 10 minutes allotted to him under morning business has expired, and in fact you have controlled the floor for nearly an hour. It would take unanimous consent in order to continue.

Mr. DASCHLE. I thank the Presiding Officer. I appreciate the indulgence of the Senator from Virginia. I know he wishes to speak. I will regain the floor at a later time.

I yield the floor.

RETIREMENT OF MAJ. GEN. JERRY C. HARRISON

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, Napoleon once said that "An army marches on its stomach." While Napo-

leon was commenting on the need of soldiers to have secure and dependable supply lines, combat arms personnel also require a multitude of other support services to ensure they have the means to accomplish their missions.

In the U.S. Army, a service of 495,000 men and women, one thinks of branches such as quartermaster, transportation, and finance when the role of "support" is mentioned. One support element that is largely unknown outside of Washington, DC, but is critical to the success and readiness of our soldiers, is the Army's Legislative Liaison Office. For the past 3 years, Maj. Gen. Jerry Harrison has headed this office, which represents the Army's interests on Capitol Hill.

Jerry Harrison's 32-year Army career began with his schooling at the U.S. Military Academy, and has included some of the Army's key postings. His assignments brought him to many billets, both here and abroad, and include Germany, Korea, Washington, DC, and Vietnam, where his efforts in defending a firebase earned him a decoration for valor. His career assignments reflect a high level of professional competence and include valuable command time in some very visible positions, perhaps the most prestigious being his tour as commander, 2d Infantry Division Artillery.

As a product of West Point, an institution respected worldwide for its high standards, General Harrison had instilled upon him the importance of education, and throughout his career, he sought additional civilian and military educational opportunities. A commissioned officer in the field artillery, he graduated from the field artillery basic and advanced courses; the infantry officer advanced course; the Command and General Staff College; and earned a master's degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He also returned to his alma mater to teach in the department of mechanics.

Mr. President, today's warrior is an individual who is educated, fit, adept at many different tasks, and a patriot. Gen. Jerry Harrison certainly possesses these characteristics. As the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I am pleased to offer him my congratulations on a distinguished career, and I wish him good health and happiness in the years ahead.

Mr. WARNER addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

NONESSENTIAL SENATE OPERATIONS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to address the Senate in my capacity as chairman of the Rules Committee.

Earlier today the Sergeant at Arms, the Secretary of the Senate, together with the acting staff director of the Rules Committee, addressed the various staff leaders of the Senators. But I wish to place in the RECORD a memorandum prepared by Secretary of the