

You ought not to continue to do the same thing and expect that the results will be different, because likely they will not.

I think, too, it is interesting that we ought to examine for a moment what it is we are seeking to do in this country. We are trying to provide an economy in a private enterprise system, in a free market economy, in a democracy, so that you and I can have jobs and earn a living for our families. That is the basis of this country.

I get a little weary, frankly, of constant talk about greedy business men and women because I do not understand where those folks think jobs come from. Jobs come from people willing to put capital—either theirs or someone else's—and risk that capital and create businesses, generally small businesses, to create jobs. That is what makes this country work.

It is sort of interesting, we are spending a great deal of energy, properly, in helping countries throughout the world change their form of government to a democracy, change their form of economy to a free-market economy, a private-sector economy and we constantly make it more and more difficult for us to succeed doing the very same thing.

It is always popular to talk about the rich and how the rich are getting the breaks. I frankly do not know as much about the rich, I suspect, as the Senator from Massachusetts does or others, but I do know a little bit about small business. I do know that it takes some incentive for you to put your money in there at risk.

I do know that it is awful easy to be regulated to the extent that you say, why should I fool with it at all? Why should I create jobs, because I am over-regulated. You have to have some incentives to cause people to do that.

We ought to take just a little time and review, I suppose, what are our own values, what we think has made this country great, keeping in mind it is indeed the greatest country in the world.

I had a chance, with Senator GLENN, to go to Bosnia a while back and see other countries, a chance to go to the Balkans, a chance to go to Nicaragua several years ago, and I can tell you, as you know, this is the greatest country in the world. We have more freedom. We have more things than anyone else.

We ought to examine what it is that has caused us to be able to have those. It has to do with freedom, with less Government rather than more. It has to do with personal responsibility that each of us must take in a democracy. It has to do with compassion for the helpless and the needy, but to help them get back to help themselves. It has to do with incentives to invest so that we can create jobs.

So this ought to be our goal, to preserve those personal freedoms, to help strengthen the economy so that we can have jobs, to maintain those programs that do help the needy. You cannot keep them going if you do not control

the costs, with the possibility we are going to go broke in Medicare—we all know that. So we can cheat.

So I hope, Mr. President, each of us will challenge ourselves to perform during these next few months, indeed years, and take the tough role of leadership. It is fairly easy to poll. It is fairly easy to have little groups that you talk to, little focus groups, and sort of decide what is best for your political future. It is much tougher to decide what you think we need to do to be a leader. And it is uncomfortable, from time to time. And this is the time when we have the opportunity to stand up and express at least our heartfelt beliefs as to where to go.

Mr. President, I am just excited by the opportunity to do that. I think yesterday's vote was a fundamental change and the most important vote that any of us will make for a very long time.

I yield the floor.

#### RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now stand in recess until 4 p.m. today.

Thereupon, at 2 p.m., the Senate recessed until 4 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer [Mr. GORTON].

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST— HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 123

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I believe the distinguished Democratic leader is going to be here momentarily because we do have some business pending.

Mr. President, I might just describe what we are going to do here momentarily while we wait on the Democratic leader to be here. We will ask for consent here momentarily to proceed to the consideration of House Joint Resolution 123, making continuing appropriations in order. This is the one that passed earlier this afternoon in the House of Representatives having to do with Social Security, veterans, and Medicare offices. And we will ask that we proceed to the consideration of that.

I understand the minority leader will be here for some comment or some action. We will proceed to that as soon as he arrives. But while we wait on him, does the Senator from Virginia wish to speak?

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I just wish to ask for a brief period in which to address the Senate following the distinguished Senator from Alaska, if that might be agreeable.

Mr. LOTT. If we could get an agreement when the minority leader arrives, we would then go ahead and take up this business. That would be fine.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who seeks recognition?

#### THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I am happy to follow the senior Senator from Alaska, if he so desires. I wish to speak briefly. I have had the opportunity through the day, together with the distinguished acting majority leader, and others, to join the Speaker of the House in reference to the continuing resolution situation.

I specifically addressed at that time my deepest concern, which is shared by many, about the fate of those Government employees, those both defense and nondefense, who at this time have continuing uncertainty as to their status.

I am pleased to say, Mr. President, that the Speaker and those present gave me reassurances that the earlier representations by the Speaker and the distinguished majority leader of the Senate to members of the Virginia congressional delegation—indeed, others—that Government employees, defense and nondefense, will at some point in time be cared for in a separate manner, separate manner from the question of, and the very important question of, the balanced budget amendment, to which I swear my allegiance to the 7-year program. But it has to be done in a separate context.

With that assurance, I hope I can convey, not only to the colleagues here in the Congress who have an interest but also to those employees listening and learning this, that at some point in time this solution will be resolved, and hopefully very satisfactorily.

#### FURTHER CONTINUING RESOLUTION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of House Joint Resolution 123, making in order continuing appropriations, that the joint resolution be read a third time, passed, and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I ask unanimous consent that the Senator's request be modified to include passage of the continuing appropriations with an amendment to include the rest of the Government agencies that are not included in this joint resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Reserving the right to object, Mr. President, I believe that would be what would be considered, I guess, a clean continuing spending resolution to put all of the Federal employees back to work and to work out the resolution of the question of the balanced budget of 7 years. Is that correct?

Mr. DASCHLE. That is correct. It is my understanding that is what this resolution does as well.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, then I would object to that request.