

now ask unanimous consent that at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 8, the Senate turn to the consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 31, the constitutional amendment concerning the flag desecration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. I further add that there will not be any votes tomorrow. There will be debate tomorrow. Then tomorrow, if we can reach an agreement for Monday, there may be two or three amendments to Senate Joint Resolution 31.

If we can agree on the amendments and final passage, then we could do that on Tuesday morning. There would be no votes on Monday. If we cannot agree, then there will be no votes before 6 o'clock on Monday. But I think we can agree. We have had a discussion between the two leaders.

Finally, I would say there are a couple of colloquies that Senator DASCHLE and I were going to enter into, and I think I pretty much responded to the one on START. The others I think can be printed in the RECORD at the appropriate point if we initial each.

Is that satisfactory with the managers?

I thank the Senators.

Mr. HELMS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. HELMS. We have reached the point now this evening that we could have reached back in August, but better late than never.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. HELMS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that following the disposition of H.R. 1561, as amended, the Senate then proceed immediately, without intervening action or debate, to executive session to consider the following list of nominations, and if the nominations are not on the Executive Calendar at that time the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of these nominations, and the Senate proceed to their consideration en bloc; that they be confirmed en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session; that if the nominations are on the calendar at that time, they still be considered and confirmed in accordance with the above provisions.

Now, the list of nominations I shall send to the desk, and ask the clerk to report.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Mr. A. Peter Burleigh, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives;

Mr. James Franklin Collins, of Illinois, to be Ambassador at Large and Special Advisor

to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States;

Ms. Frances D. Cook, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman;

Mr. Don Lee Gevirtz, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Tonga, and Ambassador to Tuvalu;

Mr. Robert E. Gribben, III, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda;

Mr. William H. Itoh, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand;

Mr. Richard Henry Jones, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon;

Mr. James A. Joseph, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa;

Ms. Sandra J. Kristoff, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador as U.S. Coordinator for the Asia Pacific Economic Corporation;

Mr. John Raymond Malott, of Virginia, to be Ambassador of Malaysia;

Ms. Joan M. Plaisted, of California to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati;

Mr. Kenneth Michael Quinn, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Cambodia;

Mr. David P. Rawson, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali;

Mr. J. Stapleton Roy, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia;

Mr. Jim Sasser, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China;

Mr. Gerald Wesley Scott, of Oklahoma, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Gambia;

Mr. Thomas W. Simons, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;

Mr. Charles H. Twining, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon;

FSO Promotion List, Barrett, et. al;

FSO Promotion List, Gelbard, et. al;

FSO Promotion List, Goddard, et. al;

FSO Promotion List, Peasley, et. al.

Mr. HELMS. I thank the clerk.

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

Mr. HELMS. I further ask unanimous consent that immediately following the resumption of legislative session, the Senate insist on its amendment to H.R. 1561, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees. Further, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that on a date to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the Democratic leader, but in any case no later than the last day of the first session of the 104th Congress, 1 hour after the Senate convenes, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the START II treaty; that if the committee has not reported the treaty by that time, the treaty be discharged from committee and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

Mr. HELMS. I thank the Chair.

I further ask unanimous consent that immediately after the Chair appoints the conferees on H.R. 1561, the Chair then lay before the Senate the message from the House on H.R. 927, the Cuban Liberty and Solidarity Act; that the Senate insist on its amendment, agree

to the request for a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees.

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

NOMINATION OF KATHLEEN A. MCGINTY

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, it is my understanding that the majority leader has committed to the consideration of and final action on Executive Calendar Nomination No. 340, Ms. Kathleen A. McGinty to be a member of the Council on Environmental Quality before the Senate completes its business this session am I correct in that understanding?

Mr. DOLE. Yes. I have committed to final disposition before Christmas.

Mr. DASCHLE. I thank the majority leader for that commitment.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT — CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

Mr. HELMS. Madam President, I further ask unanimous consent that if the Chemical Weapons Convention has not been reported by the close of business on April 30, 1996, that convention be discharged from the Foreign Relations Committee and placed on the Executive Calendar.

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

Mr. HELMS. I thank the Chair.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I understand the majority leader's difficulty in long-term planning of the Senate schedule, but I ask the majority leader if it would be his intention to schedule consideration of the Chemical Weapons Convention in a reasonable time after it has been reported or discharged from the Committee?

Mr. DOLE. It would be my intention that the Senate would consider the Convention in a reasonable time period once the Convention is on the Executive Calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. KERRY. Madam President, it will be my intention to review for the record briefly the summary as agreed upon of the amendment to H.R. 1561. Before I do, however, I would like to inquire of the chairman the following.

Madam President, a number of Members from the Senate on both sides of the aisle have been very concerned, and the ranking member shares this concern, about the disposition of the Chemical Weapons Convention which was submitted to the Congress many months ago, and since that time it has been pending before the Foreign Relations Committee.

I would like to ask the chairman concerning the Chemical Weapons Convention. I am aware that the committee's consideration of this treaty is not as far along as the consideration of