

of important VA authorities and programs, and I urge all of my Senate colleagues to support it. As I noted at the outset, our consideration of this bill was delayed, first in the Senate because of unrelated concerns, and more recently, by the House, over the inclusion of the report provisions. It is vital that we act as quickly as possible to reauthorize the various programs and authorities.

Mr. President, I express my appreciation to the majority staff of the committee, particularly Bill Tuerk, for their work on this legislation.

Mr. President, I urge the Senate to give its unanimous approval to this measure.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate concur with the amendments of the House to the Senate amendments, and that any statements relating to the bill appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar nomination No. 454.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nomination be confirmed; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements relating to this nomination appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

So the nomination was considered and confirmed, as follows:

#### NAVY

The following named officer for reappointment to the grade of Admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be admiral*

Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, 000-00-0000.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, we do have a unanimous-consent request that I think we have worked out with the leadership on both sides of the aisle with the regard to the agriculture legislation. We are prepared momentarily to enter that unanimous-consent request and to conclude for the day. Right now, we want to put in a quorum call until the other leader is able to get to the floor. So I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 1541

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I have a unanimous-consent agreement now that has been reviewed and agreed to by the distinguished minority leader. I will proceed with their concurrence.

I ask unanimous consent that it be in order for the majority leader, or his designee, during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 31, to turn to the consideration of calendar No. 330, S. 1541, the farm bill, and once a cloture motion has been filed on the bill on Wednesday, that the cloture vote occur on Thursday, February 1, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the Democratic leader, and that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

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

Mr. LOTT. I further ask unanimous consent that, during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 31, it be in order for Senator DORGAN to offer an amendment to S. 1541, and once that amendment has been offered and a cloture motion has been filed, the cloture vote also occur on Thursday, February 1, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the Democratic leader, notwithstanding rule XXII, and that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

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

Mr. LOTT. I further ask that if Senator LEAHY or designee offers an amendment following the offering of the Dorgan amendment to S. 1541 and cloture is filed on that amendment, the same terms as provided above apply, with that cloture vote occurring in sequence following the cloture vote on S. 1541.

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

Mr. LOTT. Finally, I ask unanimous consent that during the pendency of S. 1541, the farm bill, it be in order for the majority leader, after concurrence with the Democratic leader, to modify the text of S. 1541.

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

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1996

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 31; further, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of the proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call

of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that there then be a period for morning business until the hour of 1 p.m., with the time equally divided between the two parties, and the time consumed in quorum calls during the morning business period be equally divided.

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

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1996

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that when the Senate adjourns on Wednesday, it stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 1, that following the prayer, the Journal of the proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate immediately then proceed to the consideration of S. 1541, the farm bill, until the hour of 11:25 a.m., with the debate time equally divided between the two managers, and further that the Senate stand in recess until 12:45 p.m. for the joint meeting; further, that at 12:45 p.m., the Senate will resume consideration of the farm bill, with the time between 12:45 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. equally divided between the two managers. I further ask unanimous consent that pursuant to the earlier agreement the cloture vote on the Dorgan amendment occur at 1:30 p.m., to be followed by a cloture vote on S. 1541.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the Senate will reconvene on Wednesday for a period of morning business and then begin debate on the farm bill. Rollcall votes are not expected during Wednesday's session. The Senate will then adjourn over until Thursday.

On Thursday, at 11:45 a.m., there will be a joint meeting of both Houses to hear an address by the President of France, President Chirac. Members should be in the Senate Chamber at approximately 11:25 a.m. in order to proceed to the House of Representatives. Following that address, the Senate will then debate and conduct a cloture vote on the Dorgan amendment, as well as the farm bill itself. Also, the Senate could turn to any items that can be cleared for action. All Senators should be aware that rollcall votes are expected throughout Thursday's session.

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE  
PRESIDENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with Public Law 81-754, as amended by Public Law 93-536 and Public Law 100-365, appoints the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HATFIELD] to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY  
LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Republican

leader, pursuant to Public Law 103-227, appoints the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS] as a member of the National Education Goals Panel, vice the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG].

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if there be no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:16 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, January 31, 1996, at 11 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate January 30, 1996:

NAVY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF ADMIRAL IN THE U.S. NAVY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

*To be admiral*

ADM. JOSEPH W. PRUEHER, 000-00-0000.