

passage occur at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, notwithstanding rule XXII, and that no call for the regular order serve to displace the DOD appropriations bill.

I think this is an eminently fair unanimous-consent request on the way to deal with this very, very important bill that our colleagues are ready to handle on the floor this afternoon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. BRYAN. I regret to object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST—
S. 1936

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now turn to consideration of S. 1936, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, and during the pendency of S. 1936, that it be considered under the following time restraints: 1 hour on the bill to be equally divided in the usual form; 1 hour on all first-degree amendments which must be relevant; 30 minutes on all relevant second-degree amendments. Further, I ask unanimous consent any rollcall votes ordered with respect to the nuclear waste bill on Friday, July 12, or Monday, July 15, occur at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, and that following the disposition of all amendments, S. 1936 be read for a third time and final passage occur at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, notwithstanding rule XXII; and that no call for the regular order serve to displace this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. BRYAN. Objection.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST—
H.R. 3103

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate insist on its amendment to H.R. 3103, the Senate agree to the request for a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, first of all, let me begin by saying the distinguished majority leader made comments about how nice it would be to have regular order. I would just note for the RECORD that the first two unanimous consents were not in keeping with regular order. There is nothing regular about asking unanimous consent with a predetermined procedure. Regular order is to take up a bill and deal with it.

With regard to the health insurance reform conferees, for the reasons I have already stated on the RECORD just moments ago, we object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST—
H.R. 3448

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that immediately following the appointment of the conferees, that the Senate then insist on its amendment to H.R. 3448, the small business tax package bill, the Senate then request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I ask unanimous consent the clerk be directed to make the following changes in the enrollment of H.R. 3448, the small business minimum wage bill, and the bill be sent to the House for its consideration. These changes, which I shall send to the desk, change the effective date for the minimum wage increase to 30 days after the date of enactment, and they take care of the problem regarding the utilities which Senators MOYNIHAN and D'AMATO discussed on the floor yesterday.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I object to that because the way this should be dealt with, and I feel it should be dealt with, is to go to conference. I had just made a unanimous-consent request that we appoint conferees on the minimum wage and small business tax relief package, and it was objected to. When we get conferees appointed to this conference, then we will deal with this issue.

Mr. DASCHLE. Reserving further the right to object, I would only point out the minimum wage title in the bill passed in the Senate is identical to the minimum wage title passed in the House. There is no need for a conference. But, if they insist on a conference at this time, given the fact they have also insisted on health care conferees, for both reasons, we object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST—
H.R. 2337

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now turn to the consideration of Calendar No. 374, H.R. 2337, the taxpayer bill of rights legislation, the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the measure appear at this point in the RECORD.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, we have a number of amendments to this legislation we would like considered. So we object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST—
H.R. 2937

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to

the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 380, H.R. 2937, relating to the White House Travel Office and former employee Billy Dale; further, that a substitute amendment which is at the desk be offered by Senator HATCH, that it be considered and agreed to, the bill be deemed read a third time and passed as amended, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

I note that I did try this yesterday. There was some problem with an objection to it because they indicated they had not seen Senator HATCH's amendment. They have now had it and had 24 hours to review it, so I renew my unanimous consent request.

Mr. DASCHLE. Reserving the right to object, I find all these unanimous consent requests intriguing, given the eloquent comments made by the distinguished majority leader about how wonderful it would be to have regular order.

This is not regular order. As I have indicated to the majority leader, we have amendments we would like to offer to this bill, and to several of the other pieces of legislation he is propounding today. So obviously we have to object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST—
S. 704

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now turn to the consideration of Calendar No. 449, S. 704, a bill to establish a gambling impact study commission; further, a managers' amendment that I will send to the desk be agreed to, the bill then be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the measure appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, this is the first time we have had the opportunity to see this unanimous-consent request. Ordinarily, we are given unanimous-consent requests ahead of time so we can check with our colleagues. No one has given us this unanimous consent request. So, in order to clear it with our colleagues, I object at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I would like the RECORD to show, as a matter of fact, they did receive notice on this. We have been talking back and forth about it for days. I believe Senator SIMON had indicated he thought it had been cleared. A couple of Senators who had earlier had reservations on the Democratic side had indicated they would not object. You have seen it. There is no great big surprise here. There was a chance, I think, 3 weeks ago, to read it and reread it.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, usually we do these things leader to leader. I will be happy to talk to Senator