

The PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 13) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 13

*Resolved*, That notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXV, the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the Senate Committee on the Judiciary for the 105th Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

Judiciary: Mr. Hatch (Chair), Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Specter, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Kyl, Mr. DeWine, Mr. Ashcroft, Mr. Abraham, and Mr. Sessions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 14—TO MAKE MAJORITY PARTY ASSIGNMENTS TO SENATE COMMITTEES FOR THE 105TH CONGRESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk making majority party assignments for the 105th Congress. I ask that the resolution be reported by number, the resolution be adopted, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 14) making majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 105th Congress.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 14) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 14

*Resolved*, That notwithstanding the provisions of S. Res. 400 of the 95th Congress, or the provisions of Rule XXV, the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on those Senate committees listed below for the 105th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Budget: Mr. Domenici (Chair), Mr. Grassley, Mr. Nickles, Mr. Gramm of Texas, Mr. Bond, Mr. Gorton, Mr. Gregg, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Abraham, Mr. Frist, Mr. Grams, Mr. Smith of Oregon.

Rules and Administration: Mr. Warner (Chair), Mr. Helms, Mr. Stevens, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Santorum, Mr. Nickles, Mr. Lott, and Mrs. Hutchinson of Texas.

Small Business: Mr. Bond (Chair), Mr. Burns, Mr. Coverdell, Mr. Kempthorne, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Warner, Mr. Frist, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Faircloth, and Mr. Enzi.

Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Specter (Chair), Mr. Murkowski, Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Craig, and Mr. Hutchinson of Arkansas.

Select Committee on Ethics: Mr. Smith of New Hampshire (Chair), Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Sessions.

Special Committee on Aging: Mr. Grassley (Chair), Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Craig, Mr. Burns, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Santorum, Mr. Warner, Mr. Hagel, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Enzi.

Select Committee on Indian Affairs: Mr. Campbell (Chair), Mr. Murkowski, Mr. McCain, Mr. Gorton, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Inhofe.

Intelligence: Mr. Shelby (Chair), Mr. Chafee, Mr. Lugar, Mr. DeWine, Mr. Kyl, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Allard, and Mr. Coats.

Joint Economic: Mr. Mack (Vice Chair), Mr. Roth, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Grams, Mr. Brownback, and Mr. Sessions.

INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE RATIO CHANGE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I announce to my colleagues that one of the resolutions just adopted relates to necessary committee ratio changes for the 105th Congress. I note this allows for an increase of one seat on the Intelligence Committee from both sides of the aisle. The Democratic leader and I are allowing for this increase in the size of the Intelligence Committee for this Congress only due to the great interest in serving on this important committee from Members on both sides of the aisle and also because of the seriousness of some of the matters they will be considering and wanting to make sure that we are complying with the statute.

One of the things we have been trying to do as we started this year is to take a look at what the rules are and what the statutes require and try to comply with that. The statute is clear about wanting to have at least two from the Armed Services Committee, two from the Judiciary Committee, and two from Foreign Relations. I think it is particularly important that we have Members from the Armed Services Committee on Intelligence because so much of what they do has an Armed Services Committee relationship. In fact, the hearings on the funding for that committee, I believe, always have to report to the Armed Services Committee.

This change in the numbers will be only for this Congress, and then we will work in the next Congress back toward the statutory number of 8-7. We may want to come down maybe two steps, 9-8, but we should try to be in compliance with the statutes on the numbers as well as the committee jurisdiction and representation on that committee.

Again, I state that following this Congress it would be our intention to reduce the size, but we will do that only in working with the Democratic leader. This is the only committee, also, that only has a one-seat difference, and the statute requires that. All the others have two.

I wonder if the Democratic leader would like to comment on that?

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, the majority leader and I have had a number of conversations about this particular issue, and I have discussed the matter in great detail with the ranking member of the Intelligence Committee. He shares the view, given the agenda and given the legal need to ensure the representation as is required by law, that only on a one-time interim basis an additional Armed Services Committee member needs to be placed on the committee.

As the majority leader has indicated, this is one time and one time only. This is an interim assignment. We intend to work with him to bring the committee size down to its legal, permanent size in the ensuing Congresses. So I urge people to recognize the intention here, and that is to accommodate

the chair and the ranking member of the Intelligence Committee and to accommodate their agenda.

I am certainly in agreement with this approach and appreciate the opportunity to work through this particular matter as we have.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I want to thank the Democratic leader for the attention he has joined me in giving to the Intelligence Committee. It is a very important committee, and I am not sure we have always given it the consideration that it should have, but we have done it this time. I am very pleased with what the result has been.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Senate, on January 8, 1997, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that pursuant to the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, 105th Congress, the Speaker reappoints as members of the Joint Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States on the 20th day of January 1997, the following Members of the House: Mr. GEPHARDT of Missouri, Mr. GINGRICH of Georgia, and Mr. ARMEY of Texas.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, each without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 1. Concurrent resolution to provide for the counting on January 9, 1997, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

S. Con. Res. 2. Concurrent resolution to extend the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 48.

S. Con. Res. 3. Concurrent resolution providing for a recess or adjournment of the Senate from January 9, 1997 to January 21, 1997, and an adjournment of the House from January 9, 1997 to January 20, 1997, from January 20, 1997 to January 21, 1997, and from January 21, 1997 to February 4, 1997.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the resolution (H. Res. 2) stating that the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that NEWT GINGRICH, a Representative from