

the supplemental, with debate equally divided with no further consent requests, presuming Senator DORGAN, of course, has had his opportunity to make a request, but that there be no committee meetings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, was there an objection to my request?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair heard objection early on.

Mr. LOTT. And you added a request of your own. Let me make sure I understand what it is. First, you are objecting to committee meetings, but you are asking consent that we take up what?

Mr. DASCHLE. That we have, as you suggested, debate on the Senate floor on the supplemental divided evenly for the next 4 hours, as the majority leader suggested.

Mr. LOTT. What supplemental is that?

Mr. DASCHLE. It would be the subject of the debate as you have proposed, as the majority leader has proposed. You had asked unanimous consent that there be debate only equally divided between the two leaders for discussions with respect to the supplemental appropriations bill. I am not suggesting we change that. I am simply saying let's keep our focus on that, and I would not object to a request that involved a discussion as the majority leader has proposed.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I believe I would object to that, but I have a counterproposal maybe we could consider. I do want to note also that the Finance Committee has requested consent to meet this afternoon, also to begin the process of markup on the reconciliation bill, which is required under the budget agreement. I believe it is going to be pretty bipartisan in its makeup, in terms of the spending provisions or the restraint on spending, whichever the case may be. And in order to have this legislation completed in the Finance Committee by, I believe it is the 18th of this month, we need to have them meeting.

But I ask unanimous consent, sort of in the vein of what Senator DASCHLE was talking about, that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 18, H.R. 581; and further, no amendments be in order, with the exception of one substitute amendment to be offered by the majority leader or his designee; that there be 1 hour total for debate on the bill and the amendment, to be equally divided in the usual form; and finally, that following the expiration or yielding back of time and the disposition of the substitute amendment, the bill be read a third time and the Senate proceed immediately to vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair heard objection to the unanimous-consent request by the minority leader. We now have before us a unani-

mous-consent request by the majority leader. Is there objection?

Mr. DASCHLE. Reserving the right to object, I ask the majority leader if he could share a copy of the substitute amendment referred to in the unanimous-consent request.

Mr. LOTT. I don't have one now, but I believe that during this time, while we are debating the issue, we could develop one and, as a matter of fact, I believe there is a meeting at the White House right now that would be the subject of this substitute and one we could agree on.

Or I could do it this way. What I suggested yesterday, and where I think we actually should go, is a bill that provides the actual emergency disaster funds and the funds for DOD, but not the language and not the supplemental, just what has been referred to as a narrow disaster and emergency funding bill only, and the amount I am thinking about would be in the range of \$3.9 billion. That way, we would get this issue resolved quickly while we continue to work on such things as the census language, where we hope and think maybe we can come to some agreement. We get this thing done; we get it done now.

The House traditionally, as you very well know, is very sensitive about us acting before they do, but we could go ahead and have debate on this and take some action and hold it at the desk. I think this is one way to deal with this emergency. How would the Senator react to that?

Mr. DASCHLE. As I reiterated, again, this morning to the distinguished majority leader, I am more than happy to look at the language that he suggests. I think there may be a way to accommodate just the emergency and all related legislative proposals in the supplemental dedicated to dealing with the disasters throughout the country, emergency or whatever related matters those may be.

Obviously, we would have to see the language before we agreed to any kind of procedural commitment that would allow consideration of this yet unseen proposal.

So we would not be in a position right now, as the majority leader certainly understands, to agree to a unanimous-consent proposal until we have had the opportunity to see the language. But I think the majority leader is on the right track. And if that will break the impasse, I am willing to look at it.

Mr. LOTT. I appreciate the Democratic leader's comments on that. I hope that if we cannot find some other way to resolve the disagreements between now and 2 o'clock tomorrow, that he and I will consult maybe about the idea of doing just this tomorrow. And I do not want in any way to dampen the efforts that are underway to come to a broader total agreement. But in order to get this emergency addressed this week—hopefully within the next 24 hours—I think this is the way that we want to consider doing it.

I hope you will think about that between now and tomorrow and let us look at that as a possibility of what we might do at 2 o'clock tomorrow if something else has not already been worked out.

I again thank the Senator for his comments.

Mr. President, in view of the objection and the interests that we have, the committees meetings, the Finance Committee, the Armed Services Committee, the urgency of the work they are doing, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

RECESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now stand in recess until the hour of 6 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. LOTT. Before the Chair puts the question, I say to the Democratic leader, I made the request that we recess until the hour of 6 p.m. He is putting the question. I wanted to make sure you heard.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DASCHLE. No objection.

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

Thereupon, at 2:19 p.m., the Senate recessed until 6 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. MCCAIN).

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 the 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

At 12:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 848. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable Hydroelectric Project in New York, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1184. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek Hydroelectric Project in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1217. An act to extend the deadline the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 60. Concurrent resolution relating to the 30th anniversary of the reunification of the city of Jerusalem.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 848. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable Hydroelectric Project in New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1184. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek Hydroelectric Project in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1217. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 60. Concurrent resolution relating to the 30th anniversary of the reunification of the city of Jerusalem.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2106. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Treasury Notice 97-25, received on June 9, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2107. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule amending the State Energy Program (RIN 1904-AA81), received on June 4, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2108. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Veterans' Housing Loan Improvements Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2109. A communication from the Acting Associate Deputy Administrator for Government Contracting and Minority Enterprise Development, U.S. Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership Development"; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-2110. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation concerning the production of 141 F-2 Combined Interrogator/Transponder (CIT) IFF Systems; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2111. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports concerning agreements between the U.S. and Tanzania for Global Learning and Observation to Benefit the Environment; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2112. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation concerning the Integrated Full Face Helmet in Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2113. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification license concerning the export of defense articles or defense services, received on May 29, 1997; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2114. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning The Foreign Agents Registration Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2115. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, U.S. Information Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule concerning the Immigration and Nationality Act on the behalf of aliens as amended, received on May 22, 1997; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2116. A communication from the Administrator, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning European and Australian offset crash tests; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2117. A communication from the Director of the Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule concerning Polydextrose, received on June 10, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2118. A communication from the Director of the Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule concerning Menhaden Oil, received on June 10, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2119. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on a rule concerning protecting animals in the U.S. from diseases, received on June 5, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2120. A communication from Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice concerning final funding priorities administered by (OSERS); to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2121. A communication from the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the audit report required under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2122. A communication from the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to Endangered Status (RIN 1018-AC19) received on June 10, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2123. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to endangered status (RIN 1018-AD52) received on June 10, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2124. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to truck size and weight (RIN 2125-AE04) received on June 5, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2125. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, seven rules including a rule relative to Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans (FRL-5836-8, 5836-2, 5836-6, 5834-4, 5832-2, 5835-8) received on June 5, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2126. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules including a rule relative to Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans (FRL-5839-7, 5839-6, 5840-8) received on June 9, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2127. A communication from the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to endangered status (RIN1018-AC52) received on June 10, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2128. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to melons, received on June 6, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2129. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to viruses, serums, toxins and analogous products, received on June 9, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2130. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to approved treatments, received on June 5, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2131. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2132. A communication from the Chairperson of the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2133. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, a notice relative to the rule entitled "Community Support Requirements"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2134. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on retail fees and services of depository institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.