

more amendments than what the Republicans are proposing. And so I think, all things considered—I know my colleagues have expressed great personal concern about this approach, but I also know that if we are ever going to resolve this matter, this is as good as it is going to get.

So I commend the leader for his diligence and commitment to resolving these matters. I have pledged to him my cooperation to see if we can get to this point. We have done so. I am relieved that at long last we may have a real opportunity, as he has noted, to talk about ways in which to address a national problem, a national challenge.

This provides a panoply of different approaches and different ideas. We feel very strongly, very excited, about many of the ideas that we have to offer. We will have that chance under this agreement. So I certainly would not object, and I encourage my colleagues to accept it, deal with it, offer amendments, and let us get on with the debate.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I say again, I agree, it certainly has not been easy on either side of the aisle. Senators had issues that they felt very strongly about. Many of them were not education related on both sides of the aisle. There will be other opportunities to do that. I think this will be a fair way for us to have an equal debate on both sides. Some of these amendments, as I indicated, may actually wind up being accepted and we may not have to go through each one of them in a second degree. I think it is fair.

Before the Chair rules, I ask unanimous consent that the agreement may be vitiated by the majority leader only at no later than 12:15 on Monday, March 30.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the leader's request?

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, just for the record and for clarification, as I understand it, there is a need to clarify or to—

Mr. LOTT. We had one Senator who indicated a desire to be notified and had been in the air. He is in his State, and I understand we can't talk to him for 2½ hours. And for us to just mark time until then didn't seem fair. I

think it will be all right. I felt that after discussion with Senator DASCHLE, that was the only thing I could do. But I think it is fair and we should move forward with it.

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1998

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 12 noon on Monday, March 30, and immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted, and the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator THOMAS for 30 minutes, from noon until 12:30; Senator DASCHLE or his designee for 30 minutes.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 1 p.m. the Senate resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 86, the budget resolution.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I have just indicated the Senate will be in a period of morning business then for 1 hour when we come in on Monday, and then we will resume the budget resolution.

For the information of all Members, per the agreement reached during today's session, of the 50 hours under the statutory limit for the budget resolution, as of Monday there will be 44 hours remaining, and as of the close of business on Monday there will be 34 hours remaining on the resolution.

There will be no rollcall votes conducted during Monday's session. However, the managers do expect amendments to be offered during that day. And the next rollcall vote will occur then on Tuesday morning at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after notification of the Democratic leader.

Therefore, Members can anticipate votes on amendments to the budget resolution on Tuesday. As always, Members will be notified as to the time of those votes. I should indicate that we will certainly find a way to have a vote at about 9:30 on Tuesday morning so we can get things moving right along.

In addition, the Senate may consider Executive Calendar or legislative business cleared by the Senate.

In regard to the balance of the week, we are expected to complete action on the budget resolution and the supplemental appropriations conference report, if available, prior to recessing for the Easter holidays. I do believe that we will be able to act on the supplemental appropriations to its final conclusion either late Tuesday night or Wednesday, giving the conferees, hopefully, time to act on the conference before we go home and to complete action on the budget resolution. We need, again, to make Members aware now that we must do those two items next week before we leave.

As a reminder, the next rollcall votes then will occur on Tuesday.

Does the Senator wish to speak further?

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1998

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:53 p.m., adjourned until Monday, March 30, 1998, at 12 noon.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate March 27, 1998:

THE JUDICIARY

EDWARD F. SHEA, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON.

M. MARGARET MCKEOWN, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT.