

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, is the Senate in a period for morning business at this time?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate is on a motion to proceed on which cloture has been invoked.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I may be permitted to speak out of order no longer than 15 minutes.

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

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia is recognized.

Mr. BYRD. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, let me say at this point that if the distinguished majority leader wishes to interrupt me at any point to offer a unanimous consent request, I will certainly be happy to accommodate him.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I may yield to the distinguished majority leader for whatever time he may desire, and that I may then be recognized with my present rights to the floor.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I thank the distinguished Senator from West Virginia for yielding.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 1301

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, let me say, first, that this agreement has been worked out. I appreciate the cooperation of all Senators with regard to bankruptcy, and I think it is fair and everybody is comfortable with it.

I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote scheduled today be vitiated.

I further ask that the following amendments be the only second-degree amendments in order, and following the conclusion of the listed amendments the Senate proceed immediately to a vote on the committee substitute, as amended, and the Senate then proceed to the House companion bill, H.R. 3150, and all after the enacting clause be stricken, the text of S. 1301 be inserted, the bill be advanced to third reading and passage occur, all without further action or debate.

I further ask that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate. And they are Senators HATCH, GRASSLEY, SESSIONS, LEAHY, and DURBIN.

I further ask that the Senate proceed to S. 1301, under the agreement, at a time to be determined by the majority leader after consultation with the Democratic leader.

I further ask that during the consideration of S. 1301, but not before Tues-

day, September 15, the majority leader be recognized to lay aside the pending business and proceed to S. 1301 and Senator KENNEDY be recognized to offer his second-degree amendment relative to the minimum wage and there be 2 hours equally divided prior to the motion to table and no further amendments be in order to the motion to table.

I further ask that if the amendment is not tabled, this agreement be null and void.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I read the list of amendments now that would be in order to the bankruptcy bill: Kennedy amendment regarding minimum wage; Durbin, relevant. It has to do with the definition of residence and cramdown and nondischarge; Sarbanes amendment regarding 800 solicitations; Feinstein amendment regarding creditworthiness; two Dodd amendments, one having to do with under 21-year-olds and one having to do with education savings accounts; Feingold amendments regarding filing fees and attorney's fees; two relevant amendments by Senator REED; one relevant amendment for Senator DURBIN; Senator GRAMM, one relevant amendment; Hatch amendments, one IP and one relevant; Senator GRASSLEY, a relevant amendment; Senator BROWNBAC, a relevant amendment; Senator D'AMATO, regarding ATM fees; Senator GRASSLEY's managers' amendment to be agreed upon by the two leaders and managers; one Lott, relevant; one Daschle, relevant; one Harkin regarding interest rates; Senator KOHL, homestead extension; and one relevant by Senator JOHNSON.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

#### 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

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1682. An act to transfer administrative jurisdiction over part of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture for inclusion in the Wenatchee National Forest.

S. 1883. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Marion National Fish Hatchery and the Claude Harris National Aquacultural Research Center to the State of Alabama, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND)

#### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 11, 1998, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bills:

S. 1683. An act to transfer administrative jurisdiction over part of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture for inclusion in the Wenatchee National Forest.

S. 1883. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Marion National Fish Hatchery and the Claude Harris National Aquacultural Research Center to the State of Alabama, and for other purposes.

#### 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-6830. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Transition to Quieter Airplanes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6831. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations; Shipper's Export Declaration Requirements for Exports Valued Less Than \$2,500" (RIN0694-AB71) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6832. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Assistance for a National Ocean Service Intern Program" (RIN0648-ZA46) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6833. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish Fisheries by Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 081498D) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6834. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries,