

what we have had numerous times before; and that is, a recession driven by increased energy costs. What a tragedy that will be. It should not happen.

Our projections are and our needs as a nation are to continue this prosperity, to continue the surplus we have been able to generate in this Government, and to pay down our debt and to be able to do some things we wish we could have done before. This is a glorious time for us.

I believe we have to take strong action. I have been frustrated that this administration remains steadfast in blocking, time and again, any step to increase our production of energy. And that has no more consequence but one: When you reduce production, it will drive up costs.

I thank the Chair and, again, express my appreciation for his fine remarks on national defense.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

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ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2000

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 4. I further ask unanimous consent that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to

date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4578, the Interior appropriations bill.

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

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PROGRAM

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will immediately resume the Interior appropriations conference report at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning. The Senate will remain on the conference report until it is disposed of. It is hoped that a final vote will occur no later than tomorrow afternoon. The Senate could consider any other appropriations conference reports as well as the continuing resolution providing for the continued operations of the Federal Government until October 14, 2000.

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RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:49 p.m., recessed until Wednesday, October 4, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 3, 2000:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICHARD A. MESERVE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ALTERNATIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FORTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

PHILLIP N. BREDESEN, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 19, 2005, VICE WALTER ANDERSON, TERM EXPIRED.

THE JUDICIARY

MELVIN C. HALL, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA VICE RALPH G. THOMPSON, RETIRED.

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CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 3, 2000:

THE JUDICIARY

MICHAEL J. REAGAN, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS.

SUSAN RITCHIE BOLTON, OF ARIZONA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA.

MARY H. MURGUIA, OF ARIZONA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA.

JAMES A. TEILBORG, OF ARIZONA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA.