

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY,
JANUARY 23, 2003

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m. Thursday, January 23. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period of morning business until 10:45 a.m., with the time equally divided, and Senators be permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each. Further, I ask that at 10:45 a.m., the Senate resume consideration of H.J. Res. 2, the appropriations bill. I further ask consent that at 11 a.m., the Senate proceed to a series of votes in relation to the pending amendments as under the previous order.

Finally, I ask consent that there be 2 minutes equally divided for debate prior to each of the stacked votes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object, this appears to be in order. I wanted the opportunity to say we have made great progress today. Both leaders have indicated they want to finish this bill tomorrow. That is possible, but it is not going to be easy. I note to those on my side of the aisle that we have a number of amendments to be offered tomorrow. We have amendments by Senators KENNEDY, CLINTON, BINGAMAN, CANTWELL, and Senator BOXER may offer an amendment.

If there are other Democrats who want to offer amendments, they should contact me. Some of them have worked with the managers, but if they don't let me know they are interested in offering amendments, the day is going to go by quickly and they will not have that opportunity. Some wanted these amendments listed tonight to be it. I thought in fairness to Senators that

this may have been misunderstood. We were close to saying the amendments in order were just those I listed tonight.

I hope tomorrow we can move through the amendments. If we just do these, plus whatever Senator STEVENS has—he has 60 or 70 amendments he is going to try to clear tomorrow morning, and it is going to call for a long day. I ask that everybody continue to move forward. From our side, I can say that we appreciate the new leader allowing us to offer amendments, not immediately filing cloture as we believe has happened in the past quite a bit. So we are very satisfied with the opportunity we have had to offer amendments, and we hope this is the wave of the future.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I thank the Democratic whip and I note that it has gone well. We have covered a lot of territory. People have had the opportunity to present amendments and speak on them and have votes on their amendments. But we have a lot out there, and a lot of work is being done. It would be much to the pleasure of the people on this side if we were able to complete this tomorrow. A lot of effort has gone into the last several days. Senator STEVENS is as committed to doing everything he can on this side to work with the leadership on the other side of the aisle to bring this matter to a conclusion tomorrow, with everybody having a fair opportunity to speak and vote as they choose.

PROGRAM

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, for the information of Senators, three back-to-back rollcall votes will commence at 11 a.m. tomorrow in relation to the pending amendments to the appropriations bill. The first vote will be on the Feingold amendment No. 200

dealing with military training. The second vote will be on the Mikulski amendment No. 61 on public-private competition. The third vote will be on the Murray amendment No. 39 regarding community action programs, CAP.

The managers of the bill will continue to work with the Members in an effort to reach short time agreements on any remaining amendments so that the Senate can complete action on the bill at a reasonable time tomorrow. Additional votes will occur throughout the day on Thursday. I thank the Members for their attention.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:56 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 23, 2003, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 22, 2003:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

MARK W. EVERSON, OF TEXAS, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE CHARLES ROSSOTTI, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JOHN PAUL WOODLEY, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, VICE MICHAEL PARKER.

CONFIRMATION

Executive Nomination Confirmed by the Senate January 22, 2003:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

THOMAS J. RIDGE, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.