

to the highway bill on Monday, and that we were going to spend the appropriate amount of time on it, that people would be able to debate and amend it as necessary. A few people, for whatever reason—maybe some good reasons—are going to set us back. It sets the overall agenda of the Senate back. And what, in effect, it does is it causes us to lose a day when we were going to have debate only. We were not going to have amendments on Monday but, in effect, we lose the opportunity to start on a very important bill.

I mention that now because it is early in the second session of this Congress, and we have to have cooperation. I plead with our Members to have cooperation so we can do what this body does best, and that is to debate, bring bills to the floor and debate them, and vote them up, vote them down, defeat them, pass them. It is inevitable we will get there.

People are going to watch what the vote is going to be Monday night. It will be overwhelming. And I am not pointing just my finger at the person who objected because he is really speaking for, probably, a couple other people as well, but we have to proceed with this bill. It is an important bill.

Leadership on both sides of the aisle has said that we are going to spend an appropriate amount of time on this bill. So people have some idea, it could be a week, and it could be as long as 2 weeks, but we have to get to the bill. Then we can bring amendments up and debate them.

Mr. REID. Will the distinguished leader yield?

Mr. FRIST. I am happy to yield.

Mr. REID. I will make a suggestion. After the vote is completed, it will be approximately—let's see, what time are we going to vote?

Mr. FRIST. At 5:45.

Mr. REID. So starting at 6:15 on Monday maybe the two subcommittee leaders and the two full committee leaders could begin their statements, and then we could go right to the meat of the bill on Tuesday. I would certainly recommend we try to get Senators INHOFE, JEFFORDS, BOND, and REID to get their statements out of the way Monday night, and then go to the bill Tuesday. That way we will not have lost any time except a little time of the staff.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I think we should encourage that proposal. Again, the whole purpose is to get the bill to the floor, and to debate it and appropriately amend it and do what we all want to do to support appropriately the infrastructure that is very much the foundation upon which our economy works day in and day out.

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2004 AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 11 a.m., Thursday, January

29, for a pro forma session only; provided that the Senate then immediately stand in adjournment until 1 p.m., Monday, February 2. I further ask consent that on Monday, following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed 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 the Senate then begin a period of morning business with the time until 2 p.m. equally divided between the two leaders or their designees, with Senator GRAHAM of Florida controlling the minority time; provided that at 2 p.m. the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1072, the highway bill.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Tomorrow morning, the Senate will convene a pro forma session. No business will be transacted during Thursday's session. The Senate will then reconvene on Monday, February 2 at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m. we will resume debate on the motion to proceed. Under the order, the Senate will vote on invoking cloture on the motion to proceed to the highway bill at 5:45 p.m. Monday. If cloture is invoked, we will stay on that motion until it is disposed of. I encourage Members to come to the floor on Monday to begin their opening statements on the highway legislation.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2004, AT 11 A.M.

Mr. FRIST. If there is 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 6:42 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 29, 2004, at 11 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 28, 2004:

##### EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

LINDA MYSLIWI CONLIN, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 20, 2007, VICE APRIL H. FOLEY.

##### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

EUGENE HICKOK, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, VICE WILLIAM D. HANSEN, RESIGNED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

PAMELA M. IOVINO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS), VICE GORDON H. MANSFIELD.

##### IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be colonel

MATTHEW T. ASHE JR., 0000  
MARIAELENA AUGUSTIN, 0000  
ROBERT A. BALLARD, 0000  
BRADLEY A. BARKER, 0000  
PAMELA G. BARNES, 0000

MARK L. BATCHELOR, 0000  
ROSS P. BERTUCCI, 0000  
WILLIAM M. BLACK JR., 0000  
STEVEN L. BOGGS, 0000  
CALVIN F. BOLES IV, 0000  
MARK J. BOURDON, 0000  
MARK A. BOWEN, 0000  
DAVID E. BRASUELL, 0000  
TIMOTHY M. BRUTON, 0000  
SHELIA F. BRYANTTUCKER, 0000  
AYDIN D. BUDAK, 0000  
MILES A. BURDINE, 0000  
FREDERICK C. BURK, 0000  
PAUL V. BURKE, 0000  
DOUGLAS D. BURPEE, 0000  
MICHAEL M. BUSH, 0000  
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PERRY L. BUZO, 0000  
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PETER F. CIESLA, 0000  
DAVID J. CLEMENT, 0000  
JOSEPH M. CODEGA, 0000  
FRANS J. COETZEE, 0000  
JAMES T. COLE, 0000  
FRANK J. CORTE JR., 0000  
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EDWARD D. DANIEL, 0000  
BRIAN E. DELAHAUT, 0000  
THOMAS F. DIETRICH, 0000  
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VAL T. FRANKLIN, 0000  
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TIMOTHY G. FROEBE, 0000  
NANCY R. GADZALA, 0000  
JAMES C. GARMAN, 0000  
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WILLIAM P. GOGGINS JR., 0000  
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OLIVER M. GRANT, 0000  
SUZANNE M. HANNI, 0000  
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JAMES S. HARTSELL, 0000  
WILLIAM E. HATTON, 0000  
JINCY L. HAYES, 0000  
MARCELINO HERNANDEZ, 0000  
LOUIS HERRERA JR., 0000  
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JEFFREY M. HORGAN, 0000  
NEIL J. HORNUNG, 0000  
JOHN D. HORRES, 0000  
FRANK W. IRELAND, 0000  
ALLEN D. JOHNSON, 0000  
MICHAEL JOHNSON, 0000  
RICHARD T. JOHNSON, 0000  
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