

briefly to finish clearing some legislation, but we will not have rollcall votes tomorrow.

We are also attempting to clear additional executive nominations, including Mark McClellan to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Following Friday's session, we will reconvene on Monday, March 22. I previously announced there will be no rollcall votes on that day. However, we will resume consideration of the FSC/ETI bill on that day. I will have more to say on that in closing later tonight.

Having said that, following the last vote tonight, the next vote will occur on Tuesday, March 23. We will go to final passage now, and then two rollcall votes on the judges.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the unanimous consent request? Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from North Dakota.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, before we conclude, I again thank the chairman of the Budget Committee. I also thank his excellent staff: Hazen Marshall, Stacey Hughes, and Beth Felder, who worked closely with us through these difficult days.

I say to our side, I urge you to vote no on this budget resolution. It adds \$2.86 trillion to the national debt. I do not see any cutting of the deficit in half in 3 years or 4 years or 5 years under this budget resolution. Instead, I see it adding to the deficit each and every year by an additional \$177 billion. I urge my colleagues to vote no.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time is yielded back. The question is on agreeing to S. Con. Res. 95, as amended. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. I announce that the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) are necessarily absent.

I also announce that the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) is absent attending a funeral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 58 Leg.]

YEAS—51

Alexander	DeWine	McCain
Allard	Dole	Miller
Allen	Domenici	Murkowski
Bennett	Ensign	Nickles
Bond	Enzi	Roberts
Brownback	Fitzgerald	Santorum
Bunning	Frist	Sessions
Burns	Graham (SC)	Shelby
Campbell	Grassley	Smith
Chafee	Gregg	Snowe
Chambliss	Hagel	Specter
Cochran	Hatch	Stevens
Coleman	Hutchison	Sununu
Collins	Inhofe	Talent
Cornyn	Kyl	Thomas
Craig	Lugar	Voinovich
Crapo	McCain	Warner

NAYS—45

Akaka	Dodd	Levin
Baucus	Dorgan	Lieberman
Bayh	Durbin	Lincoln
Biden	Feingold	Lott
Bingaman	Feinstein	Mikulski
Boxer	Graham (FL)	Murray
Breaux	Harkin	Nelson (FL)
Byrd	Hollings	Nelson (NE)
Cantwell	Inouye	Pryor
Carper	Jeffords	Reed
Clinton	Kennedy	Rockefeller
Conrad	Kohl	Sarbanes
Corzine	Landrieu	Schumer
Daschle	Lautenberg	Stabenow
Dayton	Leahy	Wyden

NOT VOTING—4

Edwards	Kerry
Johnson	Reid

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 95) was agreed to.

(The concurrent resolution will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. FRIST. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, through the Chair, I ask the Senator from Vermont if he would consider making one of the two—I think the judge from Arizona—Calendar No. 565, a voice vote?

Mr. LEAHY. I tell my distinguished friend from Tennessee, I have talked with the Senator from Arizona and he has no objection to that.

I will ask for the yeas and nays on the first one. I am perfectly content to have a voice vote on the second one.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF LOUIS GUIROLA, JR., OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the nomination, which the clerk will report.

The assistant journal clerk read the nomination of Louis Guirola, Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Mr. LEAHY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second.

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Louis Guirola, Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi? The yeas and nays have been ordered, and the clerk will call the roll.

The assistant journal clerk called the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) are necessarily absent.

Mr. DASCHLE. I announce that the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) are necessarily absent.

I also announce that the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) is absent attending a funeral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 92, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 59 Ex.]

YEAS—92

Akaka	DeWine	Lugar
Alexander	Dodd	McCain
Allard	Dole	McConnell
Allen	Dorgan	Mikulski
Baucus	Durbin	Miller
Bayh	Ensign	Murkowski
Bennett	Enzi	Murray
Biden	Feingold	Nelson (FL)
Bingaman	Feinstein	Nelson (NE)
Bond	Fitzgerald	Nickles
Boxer	Frist	Pryor
Breaux	Graham (FL)	Reed
Brownback	Graham (SC)	Roberts
Bunning	Grassley	Rockefeller
Burns	Gregg	Santorum
Byrd	Hagel	Sarbanes
Cantwell	Harkin	Schumer
Carper	Hatch	Sessions
Chafee	Hollings	Shelby
Chambliss	Hutchison	Smith
Clinton	Inhofe	Snowe
Cochran	Inouye	Specter
Coleman	Kennedy	Stabenow
Collins	Kohl	Stevens
Conrad	Kyl	Sununu
Cornyn	Landrieu	Talent
Corzine	Lautenberg	Thomas
Craig	Leahy	Thomas
Crapo	Levin	Voinovich
Daschle	Lincoln	Warner
Dayton	Lott	Wyden

NOT VOTING—8

Campbell	Jeffords	Lieberman
Domenici	Johnson	Reid
Edwards	Kerry	

The nomination was confirmed. The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table and the President shall be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

NOMINATION OF NEIL VINCENT WAKE, OF ARIZONA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now move to the nomination of Neil Vincent Wake to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Neil Vincent Wake, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona?

The nomination was considered and confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table, and the President shall be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

PROPOSALS FOR SAFE RE-IMPORTATION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I announce for the information of my colleagues that, in consultation with the chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Senator DORGAN, Senator STABENOW, Senator MCCAIN, Senator COCHRAN, and other interested Senators, the Senate will begin a process for developing proposals that would allow for the safe reimportation of FDA-approved prescription drugs.

MIKE O'CALLAGHAN: A TRUE PATRIOT

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues the passing of a true American patriot and hero—Mike O'Callaghan. While I mourn Governor O'Callaghan's passing, I am heartened that we here in this Chamber will continue to feel the impact of this great man through the service of his protege and former student—Assistant Democratic Leader HARRY REID.

The essence of Governor O'Callaghan is perhaps best captured by an effort he undertook in Nicaragua in 1996. He was in that war-torn country to observe elections that would mark its first ever peaceful transition of power between democratically elected presidents.

At 66, Governor O'Callaghan could have asked to observe elections in the nation's capital or its second city, but he insisted on going north to the Honduran border to observe elections among some of the most marginalized people in a country of marginalized people. He had to go there in a battered truck over rained out roads because, he said, these were his people whom he had gotten to know in the 1980s, and he wanted to be with them as they celebrated the democracy they had earned.

That determination and generosity of spirit marked Governor O'Callaghan's

life. He was highly decorated—with the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star with a V for valor, and the Silver Star—during the Korean War, during which he lost a leg.

Aware of that bravery and personal strength, Sargent Shriver reached out to Mike O'Callaghan to make him a point man in President Kennedy's and President Johnson's fight against poverty.

Also aware of that bravery and strength of character, the people of Nevada made him their Governor from 1971 to 1979.

It was HARRY REID's awareness of O'Callaghan's bravery and character that led me, with great pride, to recommend him just last month to serve on the Veterans Benefit Commission.

Governor O'Callaghan died last Friday morning doing what he did each and every morning of his life attending daily mass before he went to work at the Las Vegas Sun. He also fought for the poor and the disenfranchised—from Korea to Nicaragua to Nevada—each and every day of his life.

While we are saddened by the loss of Mike O'Callaghan, we can take comfort in the knowledge that his generosity of spirit, his strength of character, and his devotion to his State and country will not soon be forgotten, and that his values and commitment to public service live on in our colleague, and his close friend, HARRY REID.

TRIBUTE TO JEANNINE HOLT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am grateful for the opportunity today to pay tribute to a wonderful woman, dedicated public servant, and loyal staff member—Mrs. Jeannine Holt. Jeannine has been my Southern Utah Area Director for 27 years, and is now retiring to enjoy the many wonderful things that life has to offer. Jeannine has done a tremendous job in serving thousands of Utahns who needed assistance, direction, or just a listening ear.

Jeannine has worked on many important issues affecting our State including lands issues, private property rights, and health care. In recent years she played a pivotal role in helping southern Utah citizens receive compensation from the government for exposure to radiation. Her guidance has helped literally hundreds of radiation exposure victims and their families navigate the complicated process to receive some financial relief for the awful illnesses many have experienced.

Jeannine is a real southern Utah "treasure." She has always been an integral force in her community serving on various boards and committees including the Dixie State College Board of Trustees, the State Fair Board, the St. George Chamber of Commerce Board, and on the Rotary Bowl Committee. In addition, she has actively and energetically promoted the tourism industry in Utah's Dixie and has shared her love for the red rock canyons and sun-drenched lands of St.

George and its surrounding areas with people she meets each day.

Jeannine's love and loyalty for the republican philosophy has been evident in the many years she has served promoting the ideals and values of the Republican party. She has literally donated thousands of hours working for candidates, and campaigns who share her commitment to Republican principles. For 20 years she has served as the vice chairwoman of the Washington County Republican Party, a position she has undertaken with distinction and honor.

Jeannine was also one of the founding members of the Women's Conference in Dixie, a conference which brings together hundreds of women each year from all over southern Utah to discuss important issues affecting the health and well-being of women and families. From its inception 18 years ago to today, this conference has established itself as an important forum for women from all over southern Utah to attend and enjoy.

In addition to the service she has rendered in the community and on my staff, Jeannine is a loving wife to her husband Stan. They have worked side-by-side for many years on projects benefiting their community and have buoyed each other up through life's twists and turns. Jeannine is also a loving mother of 3 and grandmother of 6.

I am grateful for the service that Jeannine Holt has given to me, to her community and to the State. She has been by my side for many years and has always been a vital component of my Senate organization. I will miss her tremendously but know that life holds many wonderful things for her to savor and enjoy. Jeannine Holt is a dedicated public servant, fervently patriotic American, and loyal and cherished friend. I want to wish her the very best in retirement and pray for her continued good health, success and happiness.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, this Nation has always been driven forward by a passion for discovery and a sense of adventure. From our earliest days as a nation, these deeply rooted American qualities have spurred our determination to explore new scientific frontiers and sparked our entrepreneurial spirit of technological innovation. We know in our very fiber that America's strength, prosperity, and global preeminence depend directly on scientific research and technological innovation.

This is not conjecture. The scientific and economic record of the past half-century constitutes overwhelming proof. Yet, today, our scientific progress, and the high-tech, high-wage jobs it creates, are at risk because the Bush administration is failing to sustain America's commitment to basic research.

The Federal Government has seen its research and development, R&D, investments steadily decline as a share of