

staff, especially Kolan Davis, Mark Prater, Cathy Barre, Elizabeth Paris, Christy Mistr, Dean Zerbe, Chris Javens, John O'Neill, and Nick Wyatt.

I also thank my staff for their perseverance and dedication, including Russ Sullivan, Patrick Heck, Bill Dauster, Melissa Mueller, Matt Jones, Judy Miller, Jon Selib, Ryan Abraham, and Tom Klouda. I also thank our dedicated fellows, Mary Baker, Brian Townsend, Richard Litsey, Jorlie Cruz, and Stuart Sirkin.

Finally, I thank our hardworking interns: Jennifer Alwood, Ray Campbell, Mandy Cisneros, Will Larson, and James Reavis.

I want to thank the chairman of the Finance Committee and my good friend, Senator GRASSLEY. It is not easy putting together a reconciliation bill. I thank Senator GRASSLEY for once again ensuring a result that could receive broad support. It is my hope that we can maintain the spirit and substance of the Senate bill as we move through conference. We have a good bill before us.

I yield the floor.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be 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.

NOTICE

Incomplete record of Senate proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's Senate proceedings will be continued in Book II.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2005

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9 a.m. on Friday, November 18. I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow morning after we convene, we will immediately proceed to the continuing resolution. Senator HARKIN will have an amendment which will require a vote. Therefore, Senators should expect a couple votes early in the morning. Those votes will occur at approximately 9:30 in the morning.

Following those votes, we expect to have a better idea of what additional

business will be available on Friday. There are a couple of appropriations conference reports that will likely be available, the PATRIOT conference report, the House message on the spending reconciliation bill, as well as other legislative and executive items we are trying to clear. Therefore, additional votes may occur and will occur, and we will try to clarify Friday's schedule as early as possible.

I remind everyone that a weekend session is expected and Senators should remain available Friday and Saturday and beyond until we finish our remaining work. I will have to say, starting now about 3 weeks ago we set out a very aggressive agenda, and to date we have stayed right on target to accomplish that agenda. The House is in session right now and is voting actually right now, and I understand they will be conducting more business tonight and in the morning that we will have to act on after they act on much of the legislation they are considering. So it will be a full day tomorrow. I expect to have a number of votes over the course of tomorrow. And again, as we have said for the last 3 weeks, it will be important for our colleagues to keep their schedules flexible through tomorrow and Saturday, Sunday, and possibly beyond that.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, 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 12:58 p.m., adjourned until Friday, November 18, 2005 at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate November 17, 2005.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

DENNIS BOTTORFF, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2011. (NEW POSITION)

ROBERT M. DUNCAN, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2011. (NEW POSITION)

WILLIAM B. SANSOM, OF TENNESSEE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2009. (NEW POSITION)

HOWARD A. THRAILKILL, OF ALABAMA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2007. (NEW POSITION)

SUSAN RICHARDSON WILLIAMS, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR THE A TERM PRESCRIBED BY LAW, VICE GLENN L. MCCULLOUGH, JR., TERM EXPIRED.