

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 9; that on Tuesday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that there be a period of morning business until 11 a.m., with the Senator permitted to speak therein, with the first half controlled by the minority and the second half controlled by the majority; and that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 until 2:15 for the party caucus luncheons.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I direct to the attention of all Senators that tomorrow afternoon Senators who have amendments to the ethics lobbying earmark reform legislation, S. 1, be prepared to start offering them. We are going to work until we complete this legislation. It is my goal to complete the bill the following week.

I remind Senators that Monday is the Dr. Martin Luther King holiday; therefore, of course there will be no votes on Monday. The first vote on Tuesday will be at 5:30 on that day, Tuesday; the 16th, I think, is the date. It is Tuesday, a week from tomorrow. I will indicate the reason I am not moving more quickly is I have had a number of Senators tell me they have events on Monday dealing with the commemoration of the Dr. King holiday and that they

could not be here in time for work on Tuesday.

We are going to work hard. We are going to finish the bill the following week. I advise Senators we are going to finish the bill the following week. Everyone should be aware that we will finish it. Even if we have to go past Friday at noon, we are going to finish this bill because we are going to move thereafter to minimum wage. Thereafter, it appears at this stage we are going to move to either the stem cell legislation and then the negotiating for lower prescription drug prices for Medicare. I don't know if we are going to do stem cell first or the Medicare negotiation bill, but one of those will be the third matter.

We have a lot to do. Today the Senate voted to adopt a resolution honoring the late President Gerald Ford. Tomorrow we are beginning the ethics bill at 11, as under a previous order. Tomorrow will be a full day for debate and amendments to that bill.

As I mentioned, the bulk of the bill is under the auspices of the Rules Committee. Senators FEINSTEIN and BENNETT will be ready to go tomorrow at 11. We also will see Senators LIEBERMAN and COLLINS managing certain parts of that bill when the Senate Homeland Security Committee's jurisdiction is primary.

ORDER FOR THE EXPIRATION OF THE MORNING HOUR

I ask, Mr. President, that the morning hour be deemed to have expired tomorrow morning when we reconvene.

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

COMPLETION OF VOTES

Mr. President, as I indicated in our conversations that we have had about

the conduct of the Senate, one of the things that I have seen over the years is how much time is wasted, waiting for Senators to come from committee meetings, from airports and other places, causing the Senate, in effect, to be in lockdown until a vote is complete. We have had votes that take a long time—an hour. We had a first vote today. We finished the 15 minutes, the 5 minutes—the vote is over. That is the way it is going to be.

Today at least one Democratic Senator missed that vote. I hope that Senator doesn't miss any more votes. We are going to get in the habit of completing the votes on time.

I have told my counterpart, Senator MCCONNELL, if there is an issue that is one vote here, one vote there, it is 50 to 50 and people are moving around trying to get someone to change a vote, we will extend the time. But 98 percent of the votes are not close; 98 percent of the time we are going to finish the vote in 20 minutes. Everyone should be aware of that, Democrats and Republicans. This applies to Senator MCCONNELL and Senator REID. If we are not going to be here, the vote will be closed.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:21 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at 10 a.m.