

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, there will be no further votes tonight. I would like to update the Members as to votes tomorrow. The Senate will resume the Interior appropriations bill for consideration of amendments. However, no further votes will occur this evening. If votes are ordered, those votes will be postponed to occur on Wednesday, September 8. I hope Senators who have amendments to the Interior appropriations bill will stay after the vote and further debate the amendments. I see that the manager of the bill is here.

Because of the agreement we reached and because of the good work that has been done, even though we haven't completed Interior, we are now going to have a finite list from which to work. In view of that, there will not be a session tomorrow. The next votes will be on Wednesday, September 8. I urge Senators to be here on the 8th because there will be votes, perhaps on the bankruptcy bill, or amendments to Interior. Members should expect votes on that Wednesday. In addition, there will be the cloture vote on Thursday.

I particularly thank the manager of the Tax Relief Act, Senator ROTH, who did an excellent job, and the ranking member, Senator MOYNIHAN, and a lot of the dedicated staff who put in long hours to make it possible. I appreciate the cooperation of all of our Senators to get this work done so we can have this period to go home and work our States during August. I hope everybody has a very prosperous, healthy, and enjoyable State work period. I appreciate the cooperation.

I yield the floor.

Mr. THURMOND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina is recognized.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 3 minutes as in morning business.

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

(The remarks of Mr. THURMOND pertaining to the introduction of S. Res. 178 are located in today's RECORD under "Submissions of concurrent and Senate resolutions.")

AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 1938

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1543 introduced earlier today by Senator MCCONNELL for himself and others.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1543) to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to release and protect the release of tobacco production and marketing information.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1543) was considered read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1543

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TOBACCO PRODUCTION AND MARKETING INFORMATION.

Part I of subtitle B of title III of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1311 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 320D. TOBACCO PRODUCTION AND MARKETING INFORMATION.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may, subject to subsection (b), release marketing information submitted by persons relating to the production and marketing of tobacco to State trusts or similar organizations engaged in the distribution of national trust funds to tobacco producers and other persons with interests associated with the production of tobacco, as determined by the Secretary.

"(b) LIMITATIONS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Information may be released under subsection (a) only to the extent that—

"(A) the release is in the interest of tobacco producers, as determined by the Secretary; and

"(B) the information is released to a State trust or other organization that is created to, or charged with, distributing funds to tobacco producers or other parties with an interest in tobacco production or tobacco farms under a national or State trust or settlement.

"(2) EXEMPTION FROM RELEASE.—The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, in advance of making a release of information under subsection (a), allow, by announcement, a period of at least 15 days for persons whose consent would otherwise be required by law to effectuate the release, to elect to be exempt from the release.

"(c) ASSISTANCE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—In making a release under subsection (a), the Secretary may provide such other assistance with respect to information released under subsection (a) as will facilitate the interest of producers in receiving the funds that are the subject of a trust described in subsection (a).

"(2) FUNDS.—The Secretary shall use amounts made available for salaries and expenses of the Department to carry out paragraph (1).

"(d) RECORDS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—A person that obtains information described in subsection (a) shall maintain records that are consistent with the purposes of the release and shall not use the records for any purpose not authorized under this section.

"(2) PENALTY.—A person that knowingly violates this subsection shall be fined not

more than \$10,000, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

"(e) APPLICATION.—This section shall not apply to—

"(1) records submitted by cigarette manufacturers with respect to the production of cigarettes;

"(2) records that were submitted as expected purchase intentions in connection with the establishment of national tobacco quotas; or

"(3) records that aggregate the purchases of particular buyers."

PERMISSION FOR TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ON THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 167, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 167) authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol grounds, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

AMENDMENT NO. 1608

(Purpose: To amend H. Con. Res. 167, authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol grounds, to provide that health and safety requirements, including access for the disabled, be observed)

Mr. GORTON. There is an amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Washington [Mr. GORTON], for Mr. MCCONNELL, proposes an amendment numbered 1608.

Page 1, line 4, delete all through line 7 on page 2 and insert the following:

"The Architect of the Capitol may permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol Grounds as follows:

"(a) As may be necessary for the demolition of the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America and the construction of a new building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America on Constitution Avenue Northwest between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest in a manner consistent with the terms of this resolution. Such work may include activities resulting in temporary obstruction of the curbside parking lane on Louisiana Avenue Northwest between Constitution Avenue Northwest and 1st Street Northwest, adjacent to the side of the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America on Louisiana Avenue Northwest. Such obstruction:

"(i) shall be consistent with the terms of subsections (b) and (c) below;

"(ii) shall not extend in width more than 8 feet from the curb adjacent to the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America; and

"(iii) shall extend in length along the curb of Louisiana Avenue Northwest adjacent to the existing building of the Carpenters and