

that, then there started to be a lot of speculation on both sides of the aisle and all around town. I think it is important for Members to just calm down and relax. We need to have the ability to communicate with each other and think about what is in the best interest of the Senate and our country and weigh all of the evidence that is now available to us.

We do have a unanimous consent agreement that we will proceed to this issue, and we will have a vote after the requisite number of hours, probably on the 12th, or perhaps the morning of the 13th before we get to final passage. Nothing more than that has been done.

We will have to work through this, and we will certainly have to work with our respective caucuses and the White House, because this is a very important national security and foreign policy issue, and we will also have to be involved in the consideration in how we proceed on this issue.

I think that is what we need to say at this point. Nothing beyond that has been agreed to, suggested, or called for by the President, or by any Senator, and all we are trying to do is communicate and see if we are proceeding in the best interests of all concerned.

Would the Senator like to add to that?

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I agree with the characterization made just now by the majority leader. I think all we can do is continue to discuss the matter to see if we might proceed in a way that would accommodate the concerns and needs of both caucuses. I think what the majority leader said, especially about rumors, and how all this began is irrelevant. In fact, the more rumors, the more this matter is

exacerbated. If we really want to try to proceed successfully, we need to quell the rumors and get on with trying to talk with dispassionate voices and make sure we make the right decisions. We are prepared to do that, and I know the majority leader is prepared to do that. That is all that needs to be said at this time.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1999

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 6.

I further ask unanimous consent that, on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume debate on S. 1650, the Labor-HHS Appropriations bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, we will begin at 9:30 on this important legislation. The pending amendment is the Nickles amendment regarding the Social Security trust fund. It is hoped that this and remaining amendments can be debated and disposed of in a timely fashion so that action on the bill can be completed no later than Thursday evening.

Therefore, I ask Senators to work with the bill managers to Schedule a

time to offer their amendments. Senators should be aware that rollcall votes will occur throughout the day on Wednesday and on Thursday. This week, we also expect to handle the Agriculture Appropriations conference report. I understand that some time for debate or discussion on that conference report will be required. We will work to find a window to do that. If the House should approve the Foreign Operations conference report later today or tomorrow, then we will look for an opportunity to also take that up.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. LOTT. 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 6:32 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, October 6, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 5, 1999:

THE JUDICIARY

RAYMOND C. FISHER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT.
BRIAN THEADORE STEWART, OF UTAH, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH.

REJECTION

Executive Nomination Rejected by the Senate on October 5, 1999:

RONNIE L. WHITE, OF MISSOURI, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI.