

I know Senator BURNS has worked very hard on this matter. I think Senator BAUCUS had a part in it. A number of Senators have worked on it. I thought this morning at 11:30 we had it cleared. I understand there was some concern that maybe we would use this bill as a vehicle for some other specific bill or bills. This is too urgent. It is too important to my State and other States such as mine to not get it done. So there will not be any extraneous matter added to this bill. This bill will come out of conference clean. If any Senator has any reservations about that, if that is why there is an objection, if there is one, I assure the Senators and the leadership that that is not going to be the way it works.

I ask unanimous consent that we be able to take that legislation up under the request I made.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. On behalf of Senator LEAHY, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: No. 426 through 432, 550, 598, 599, 600 through 610, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 625, 626 through 630, 632, 633, 657, 658, 684, and 685. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I say to my friend, the majority leader, he failed to read No. 644 and No. 645.

Mr. LOTT. I did skip over those: Nos. 640, 644, 645, and 653 should also be included in that list.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Larry L. Levitan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of five years.

Steven H. Nickles, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of four years.

Robert M. Tobias, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of five years.

Karen Hastie Williams, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of three years.

George L. Farr, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of four years.

Charles L. Kolbe, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of three years.

Nancy Killefer, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of five years.

#### FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Delmond J.H. Won, of Hawaii, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2002.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ross L. Wilson, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Karl William Hofmann, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Togolese Republic.

Janet A. Sanderson, of Arizona, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria.

Donald Y. Yamamoto, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

John W. Limbert, of Vermont, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Roger A. Meece, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Malawi.

Mary Ann Peters, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

John Edward Herbst, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

E. Ashley Wills, of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Maldives.

Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Ukraine.

Sharon P. Wilkinson, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mozambique.

Owen James Sheaks, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to

be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance).

Pamela E. Bridgewater, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Debbie D. Branson, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of three years.

#### CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Frank Henry Cruz, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2006.

Ernest J. Wilson III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2004.

Katherine Milner Anderson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2006.

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2006.

#### NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

Francis J. Duggan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2003.

#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Nina V. Fedoroff, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

Diana S. Natalicio, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

John A. White, Jr., of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

Jane Lubchenko, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

Warren M. Washington, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

#### CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Robert B. Rogers, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2001.

Carol W. Kinsley, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of one year.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Michael G. Kozak, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Belarus.

#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Robert M. Walker, of West Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs. (New Position)

Thomas L. Garthwaite, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Roger W. Kallock, of Ohio, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Material Readiness. (New Position)

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Joseph R. Biden, Jr., of Delaware, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Rod Grams, of Minnesota, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I appreciate that we were able to get these cleared. Most of these are career service people at the State Department and finally the approval of the IRS oversight board. We are really about 9 months late on that. It is important. We have this board in place. It is bipartisan, and I am glad we have gotten it cleared. There are other positions included here where we have Republicans and Democrats, both being cleared.

I hope we will use this effort to look at the Executive Calendar and see if there are not other nominations that can be cleared, are noncontroversial or can be matched in terms of partisan divide and maybe even other nominations. I hope we do not just refuse to move any nomination at this point. There are people who need to be considered, and we will try to work on that. This was a good-faith effort on my part and Senator DASCHLE's part. It is the right thing to do with these nominations.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2000

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 12 noon on Monday, September 11. I further ask unanimous consent that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume debate on H.R. 4444, the China PNTR bill, with the Byrd amendment regarding subsidies pending to be debated under a previous order.

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object, I ask the majority leader, are we going to try to do an appropriations bill next week?

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if I can respond, we will be working with the chairman and the ranking member on that. Thank goodness, we were able to get the energy and water appropriations bill completed. I believe the DC

appropriations bill will not be ready until the week after next. We still have the Commerce-State-Justice and the HUD-VA appropriations bills on which we have to make a decision as to which one will go first. There is a problem with the level of funding, the cap on funding. We are going to have to work that out.

We are looking next week at, once again, possibly dual tracking with the China PNTR during the day and an appropriations bill at night. The principal focus next week, I believe, has to be on completing work on the China PNTR bill. We are about halfway there, but we still have, I believe, about 11 or 12 amendments that have been identified that may very well require votes.

It appears I will still have to file cloture on Tuesday. I want to do whatever is necessary to try to complete that bill by Friday of next week. It may not be possible, but if it means staying on that bill during the day and night, we will look at that option, and I will consult with the leadership on the other side for the need to do that if it appears it is necessary.

Mr. REID. I also say to my friend, we keep hearing that 11 appropriations bills have not been passed. That is true. But the fact is, we have completed action on more than the three bills. Just because we did one last night does not mean we have only done three.

Mr. LOTT. Yes.

Mr. REID. I say to my friend, the majority leader, while we are working on PNTR, I would hope that there is a concerted effort to get more money to solve the funding cap. We could work out a lot of these in conference. That is what we are waiting to do.

Mr. LOTT. Right.

Mr. REID. I think the sooner we do that the better off we will be.

Mr. LOTT. As the Senator knows, we are hoping that early next week the House will take up the legislative appropriations bill coupled with the Treasury-Postal Department appropriations bill. It would be done in such a way that both sides find it acceptable. It is my understanding that the administration would sign it. So that would move two bills to the President. We hope to have that acted on in the Senate next week, hopefully by Thursday. So if that is done, that would put us then at 10 appropriations bills having been acted on by the Senate, leaving only three.

I will be working, again, as I said, with the chairman about which we would do next week, the HUD bill or CJS. And I don't know whether the HUD bill has come out of committee yet. So we are still working on that. We are still committed to getting through these appropriations bills, hopefully getting them all done through the Congress, going into conference, and hopefully down to the

President before the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have a couple more housekeeping matters.

I say to the majority leader, are we going to have any votes Monday?

Mr. LOTT. It is possible that we would have votes on Monday. But if we are making good progress—like this week, we didn't force votes on I guess it was Tuesday or Wednesday because we had debate, and we were able to get on the bill. We were able to get amendments done. But I would say this: If there are votes Monday, it will depend on—we were not able to get work done on amendments to the point where they could get a vote today. Votes will not occur before 5:30 or 6 o'clock. We will consult on the time. But it could be that the next votes will not occur until Tuesday morning. It just depends on whether we can get one racked up and in order.

Mr. REID. Finally, Mr. President, I say through you to the majority leader, I also hope, in the limited things that you have to do next week, that you would give some consideration to the problems that Senator LEVIN and Senator HARKIN have regarding judges. Both of these Senators have talked to Senator DASCHLE and me and are very concerned.

I know they have been in conversation with you and Senator HATCH. We hope that there can be some progress made on the requests of these two fine Senators.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I just spent the last few minutes with Senator LEVIN. I understand his interest. The problem they are both interested in is in the Judiciary Committee. We will be working to see if anything could be done. It will be very hard at this point. I understand their interest. I know there is no desire to block the action of the Senate at this time. It is going to be difficult, but I certainly am going to listen to them and see what might be done. If we could keep working on it, maybe something can be worked out.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the majority leader's request?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. I further ask unanimous consent that at 1 p.m. on Monday, Senator THOMPSON be recognized to offer an amendment to H.R. 4444, and that Senator HELMS be recognized at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday to offer an amendment to the same.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I really had hoped that we could find a way to consider Senator THOMPSON's amendment, or bill, as a separate issue. I worked throughout the month of July to do that. I even tried as late as yesterday to have it considered separately. But I was told that there would be an objection to taking it up. Then