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The nomination was confirmed. The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider will be laid upon the table. The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

Mr. LOTT addressed the chair. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President I would like to take leader time just to go over the schedule briefly because I know Senators are interested in the balance of the day and when we return.

This second vote will be the last vote of the week. We did get a good deal accomplished yesterday and I thank Senators for their cooperation on the Department of Defense authorization bill, the military construction appropriations bill and nominations.

The Senate will recess this afternoon until 12 noon on Monday, July 6, for the Independence Day recess. When we reconvene on Monday, it will be my intention to turn to the Department of Defense appropriations bill. Any votes to occur with respect to that appropriations bill will be stacked to occur on Tuesday, July 7. It is my understanding the managers may have as many as 20 amendments to consider on Monday, and expect to debate those amendments and have votes, then, on Tuesday.

Before the Senate adjourns, I will ask consent that we turn to the product liability bill. If that request is objected to, then I will move to proceed to that matter and file cloture. That cloture vote will occur, then, on Tuesday, July 7, at 9:30, if it is necessary to file cloture. We will then be asked to consider the IRS reform conference report Tuesday evening, and I do mean Tuesday night, so that we can get work done on appropriations bills, product liability, and the IRS reform.

There will be no vote occurring, then, on Monday, July 6. There are a lot of conflicts, Senators trying to get back and I am trying to be cooperative on that. But I do want to announce again, as I did earlier today: Expect votes on Mondays and Fridays and expect 12-hour days Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout July. We have to do at least 8 appropriations bills during July.

If we get our work done, we won't have to have votes at 9 or 10 o'clock. But it would be my intention, if we don't get cooperation, that I would schedule votes at 9 or 10 o'clock every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, because we have to get it done. I hope Senators will stop introducing 100 amendments to every bill. It is ridiculous. If you have three or four important amendments on each side, and I am talking to both sides, fine. But if we call up DOD and there are 150 amendments offered, it just tells you

something about the Senate. So we are going to get our work done in July if we have to go way into the night every night.

Members should be prepared, then, to work on the appropriations bills and the conference reports. We have a time agreement on higher education. We will work to take up bankruptcy, drug czar reauthorization, Internet gambling, pornography and filtering. I thank all Senators for their cooperation.

I thank Senator GORDON SMITH for what he has done to the dress code in the Senate. I think the Senate is looking brighter, lighter, and it is good for our image and, I think, for the country.

I yield the floor.

NOMINATION OF VICTORIA A. ROBERTS, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now consider the nomination of Victoria A. Roberts, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Victoria A. Roberts, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to offer a few brief remarks on behalf of Ms. Victoria Ann Roberts, who has just been confirmed by this body to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Ms. Roberts has built an impressive professional resume, as managing partner for a Detroit's Goodman, Eden, Millender and Bedrosian, as an Assistant United States Attorney, and as the president of the State Bar of Michigan.

Ms. Roberts has also taken a long and active interest in several community organizations that have greatly benefitted Metropolitan Detroit. She served on the board of directors of the Fair Housing Association of Detroit from 1985-91 and was its chair from 1986 to 1989. In addition, she has worked with Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Michigan since 1987, serving as Secretary, Vice President, and member of the Board of Directors and Advisory Board.

I think all of this points to an individual who brings a well-rounded and very successful set of legal credentials to the Federal Bench, and to a person who has consistently given to her community and her state as a volunteer in a variety of very important ways.

Mr. President, I am pleased to congratulate Ms. Victoria Roberts on this confirmation, and I look forward to following her career as a judge on the federal bench.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Victoria

A. Roberts of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

On this question, the yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. ROTH), and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) is absent due to a death in the family.

I also announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) is absent because of illness.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. GLENN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) are necessarily absent.

I also announce that the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) is absent due to family illness.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) would each vote 'aye.'

The result was announced, yeas 85, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 183 Ex.]

YEAS—85

Abraham	Enzi	Lieberman
Allard	Faircloth	Lott
Ashcroft	Feingold	Lugar
Biden	Feinstein	Mack
Bingaman	Ford	McConnell
Bond	Frist	Mikulski
Boxer	Gorton	Moseley-Braun
Breaux	Graham	Moynihan
Brownback	Gramm	Murkowski
Bryan	Grams	Murray
Bumpers	Grassley	Nickles
Burns	Gregg	Reed
Byrd	Hagel	Reid
Campbell	Hatch	Robb
Chafee	Helms	Roberts
Cleland	Hollings	Santorum
Coats	Hutchinson	Sarbanes
Cochran	Inouye	Sessions
Collins	Jeffords	Shelby
Conrad	Johnson	Smith (NH)
Coverdell	Kempthorne	Smith (OR)
Craig	Kennedy	Snowe
D'Amato	Kerrey	Thomas
Daschle	Kerry	Thompson
DeWine	Kohl	Thurmond
Dodd	Landrieu	Torricelli
Domenici	Lautenberg	Warner
Dorgan	Leahy	
Durbin	Levin	

NOT VOTING—15

Akaka	Hutchinson	Roth
Baucus	Inhofe	Specter
Bennett	Kyl	Stevens
Glenn	McCain	Wellstone
Harkin	Rockefeller	Wyden

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