

ORDERS FOR TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Thursday, November 20. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, 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 the Senate then resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act of 2003.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we worked for several hours this afternoon on the conference on the omnibus. Significant progress was made. The DC title was closed. The VA-HUD title was closed. The Commerce-State-Justice is one open item. But that should be resolved quickly tomorrow, which leaves Agriculture and Labor-HHS.

I think that is what we have left. I think progress was made. Another couple of hours tomorrow and we should be able to finish that. That would bring that very important bill to the floor. At this stage, it appears that Senators STEVENS and BYRD have done an outstanding job, having just dealt with those appropriations bills and not extraneous materials, as some talked about doing.

I think this is something that, in a relatively short period of time, if things continue like this in conference, should not take a lot of floor time.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, just to add to the comments of the distinguished assistant minority leader, the Medicare conference, I believe, will be held tomorrow, and most probably tomorrow morning, although I am not sure if a final announcement or determination of the time has been made. It will be made a little later tonight.

Substantial progress has been made on that conference as well. There are a few numbers coming in from CBO over the course of tonight. Once they are back, that conference will be held.

What our colleagues have just heard is that, on the omnibus, substantial progress has been made. And on what we are addressing on the floor—energy—real progress is being made. Also, in terms of Medicare prescription drugs, real progress is being made. People are collaborating. Everybody understands that we will be here probably each day, every day until we finish the Senate's business. After a long day today, we have made real progress.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will resume consideration of the Energy conference report. A number of Senators did come and participate in the debate today on the Energy conference report, and the Senate will continue that debate into tomorrow's session.

I remind my colleagues that a cloture motion was filed on the conference report during today's session, and that cloture vote will occur Friday morning.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today we had a very orderly debate in the Senate. We alternated back and forth, unless there wasn't someone on the other side, Democrat or Republican. Senator FEINSTEIN is one who waited around all day to speak. Because of her being part of the conference, she was not able to speak. I wonder if, following Senator DOMENICI, who wishes to speak at 9:30, we can have Senator FEINSTEIN recognized. I alert people that she wishes to speak for up to an hour.

I ask unanimous consent that Senator DOMENICI be recognized at 9:30 for

whatever time he may consume and that Senator FEINSTEIN then be recognized for up to 1 hour.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I recognize how well things have gone today, and although I haven't talked with Senator DOMENICI, I assume that will be fine for him. Obviously, I did not object. I suspect we will handle the day just that way—going back and forth making sure there is an appropriate amount of time on both sides.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. 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 7:56 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, November 20, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate November 19, 2003:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

J. RUSSELL GEORGE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR TAX ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, VICE DAVID C. WILLIAMS.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate November 19, 2003:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. BRUCE E. BURDA

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATION OF ROBERT GOLDBERG.