

PN1232 Army nominations (2) beginning Terry R. Moren, and ending Christopher Wodarz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 21, 2004.

PN1235 Army nomination of Amy E. Preen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 22, 2004.

IN THE NAVY

PN1234 Navy nomination of Todd E. Bailey, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 21, 2004.

PN1235 Navy nominations (4) beginning Jennifer R. Flather, and ending Marie E. Oliver, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 21, 2004.

PN1236 Navy nominations (31) beginning Wing Leong, and ending Timothy R. White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 21, 2004.

PN1258 Navy nominations (20) beginning Jonathan Q. Adams, and ending Stacey W. Yopp, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 22, 2004.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 1 p.m. Monday, February 9. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of S. 1072, the highway bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if I could say before we leave, Senator INHOFE, Senator JEFFORDS, Senator BOND, and I want people to know our staffs are going to be available all weekend to work on any problems anyone has regarding the bill. If people have amendments, they can ask to meet with our staffs. We will go over the amendments to see if they are acceptable. The offices are open now. There is no reason not to be able to have the resources they need to go over this bill with our staffs.

The point I am making is we are open for business and we want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to talk to our staffs about any problems they have with the bill and ways it can be made better.

Anyway, please work with our staffs. They will be in their offices this weekend. I hope when Monday morning comes, people will also recognize the offices will be open. At 1 o'clock, we will be open for business. The leader indicated there won't be votes on Monday—will there be?

Mr. FRIST. No.

Mr. REID. So there will be no votes, but that doesn't mean we cannot do a lot of work. We hope everyone will cooperate with us. If there are problems, let us know. We want to move this bill as quickly as possible. It is important to everyone.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I might be a little more specific. In Hart-415 they are going to be open today and from noon until 5 o'clock on Saturday to work on amendments.

Mr. REID. Yes. I simply say I am confident there will be adequate time to take care of everything. I hope nobody wants to come in on the Sabbath. But, if necessary, we have someone who will work on the Sabbath.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I will restate what you just heard. We will resume consideration of S. 1072, the highway bill on Monday. It has been a challenging week in lots of different ways. We have had this incident in my personal office and a lot went on here on the floor, with progress.

I know the ranking member and the managers of this bill have been frustrated in that we have not made as much progress as they would have liked. They would like to have this bill signed, sealed, delivered, and done. We did have good debate on the highway bill. Important points have been made throughout the week. We have the foundation to complete action on this bill next week. You just heard that we will be working through the afternoon. There will be people working tonight and people will be working tomorrow, as you have just heard, on Saturday and Sunday, in preparation for coming back in at 1 o'clock on Monday.

We have a lot to cover next week on this bill. It is an important bill. I argue that it is a vital bill to support the infrastructure we are all so dependent upon each and every day in our activities, whether it is during the weekends, or going to school or work, or as part of our business. We have an obligation to continue to address it and to complete this next week.

Since we are closing down for the week, it has been only 5 days since this letter with this toxic substance was directed at this institution. As I have said before, I have been very pleased with the response in terms of the coordination, the communication. It is not perfect; it can be better; but I assure people we will take each incident and do our very best to communicate as well as we can, review procedures, and review systems, and we are doing just that.

I just finished a conference call for 30 minutes with the 40 employee staff members affected most directly from my office and from the EPW office and Senators JEFFORDS' and INHOFE's of-

fice, answering questions. There are a lot of unanswered questions. We will answer those and meet with them and come up with different and better procedures as we go forward.

The fact that the chairman could say the Hart Building is open tomorrow is music to my ears. We were able to open it ahead of schedule. The Russell Building got opened and the Dirksen Building, which is still closed, will be opened Monday morning. It is right on schedule.

I thank everybody for coming together and working through a broad range of both national agencies and agencies here on the Hill. First and foremost is the safety of our Senate employees, and we responded in such a way that I am happy to say nobody has been hurt. Everybody is OK, in spite of the fact we had this assault.

Also during this week, in Chairman GREGG's HELP Committee, we passed S. 1879, an extension of the mammography quality provision. In Chairman COLLINS' committee, we worked on S. 1612, which established a technology equipment and information transfer program with the Department of Homeland Security. We passed that this week. The Senate confirmed a U.S. district judge this week for the Northern District of Illinois. We will be back in Monday. The chairman encourages members to have amendments and contact him. His staff will be working through the weekend.

As the assistant Democratic leader mentioned, we will not be voting on Monday, but we will be working. I will consult with Senator INHOFE and the Democratic leadership as we go forward. I hope we will be prepared for a vote early Tuesday morning. We will keep people posted in that regard.

I did mention this earlier. Do you know what your blood pressure is? Fifty million people have hypertension, which causes stroke and heart attacks. A third of the people don't know they have it. If you know you have it, we have ways to treat it these days. The Medicare bill we passed means you can diagnose it because, for the first, in an entry level physical exam which is part of Medicare, you are going to be able to have hypertension treated. If you don't know what your blood pressure is, go home tonight and think about that and have it checked.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is called the silent killer.

Mr. FRIST. Yes. People don't know they have it. Probably about a fourth of the people listening to me have hypertension, and a third don't know it, and they will die prematurely. It is pretty interesting.

Mr. REID. It doesn't make you sick, does it?

Mr. FRIST. It is silent. You don't feel it until you have a stroke or heart attack. There are ways to prevent it. It is the silent killer. That is what the American Heart Association says. February is heart month, and right now