

democratically elected legislature and chief executive;

(B) declare that the lack of movement towards universal suffrage and a democratically elected legislature in Hong Kong is contrary to the vision of democracy set forth in the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and in the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of China on the Question of Hong Kong, done at Beijing, December 19, 1984 (the Sino-British Joint Declaration of 1984); and

(C) call upon the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress to guarantee that the Hong Kong Government develop and implement a plan and timetable to achieve universal suffrage and the democratic election of the legislature and chief executive of Hong Kong as provided for in the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, promulgated on July 1, 1997.

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ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE  
23, 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 23; I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of Calendar No. 503, S. 2400, the Department

of Defense authorization bill, as provided under the previous order.

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

The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this has been a very contentious day on occasion. I would like to add what I hope will be a moment of pleasantness to what we do here, and that is talk about the Presiding Officer who has the patience of—I don't know if it is a Job at this stage, but a lot of patience because he has sat through the longest quorum call we have had in a long time which the Presiding Officer called himself. So on behalf of the Senate, the junior Senator from Missouri deserves our applause and congratulations for his patience.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I second the commendation of the Presiding Officer. At times, I wish I had been in his chair instead of my chair, as we went through these negotiations.

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PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Tomorrow the Senate will resume consideration of the Defense authorization bill under the previous order. When the Senate resumes consideration of the Defense bill, there will be a total of 100 minutes of debate in relation to five separate amendments. At approximately 11:15 tomorrow, the Senate will proceed to up to

five stacked rollcall votes on amendments to the Defense bill. Following those votes, the Senate will continue working through amendments. The chairman and ranking member were able to dispose of a number of amendments tonight, but over 30 remain pending. Votes are expected throughout the afternoon tomorrow as the Senate moves toward passage of the bill. In addition to votes in relation to the amendments, the Senate will also vote on several judicial nominations during tomorrow's session. As I just stated, if we are unable to finish the bill tomorrow, a cloture vote will occur on Thursday to bring this bill to a close.

Finally, I would add that the Appropriations Committee finished their work on the Defense Appropriations bill. It is important that we address this bill as well prior to the week's close.

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RECESS 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 the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:58 p.m., recessed until Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.