

The Chair announces, on behalf of the Republican leader, pursuant to Public Law 107-12, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: Berl Perdue of Kentucky.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 1,  
2014

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 11 a.m. on Friday, August 1, 2014; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, there be a period of morning business until 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, there will be no votes tomorrow. The next rollcall vote will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 8.

GRIDLOCK IN CONGRESS

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, before we close the Senate before the August recess, I just want to speak for 1 minute.

We all heard the exchange earlier between the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator MENENDEZ, and Senator ENZI, and Senator CARPER also participated, about appointing ambassadors. I think it is a sad day for America when our gridlock, the gridlock that the Congress has created, makes it to where we cannot appoint our ambassadors to go overseas to represent our great Nation and to be our representatives there in these countries, many of which are struggling, and many of which have a lot of tensions either with us, the United States, or their neighbors or other countries in the world.

I think our country is suffering because of the gridlock and I must say that the fault rests with all of us. We are elected to be leaders, and we are not showing leadership by not working through these difficult issues and allowing the basics of government, including our ambassadors to be appointed.

I must say there is a simple solution to all of this, and it is not something that is found in a new political science textbook, it is not something that

some talking head on a TV show has proposed. There is some ancient wisdom that we all should follow, and that is the Golden Rule. We should do unto others as we would have others do unto us. If we would follow that, if all of us would take that to heart and apply that to our business here in the U.S. Senate and the business of the Nation, it would be revolutionary in how we conduct our business.

That is the only way to fix it. You have to approach this job as a public servant and to do what is right for the country, not for your party or not for some individual agenda. I hope when we are all home during the August recess we will hear some of that from our constituents and we will bring that back in September and we will rededicate ourselves to getting the business of the Nation done.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 11:15 p.m., adjourned until Friday, August 1, 2014, at 11 a.m.