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QUORUM CALL

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The second assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR SECOND SESSION, 92D CONGRESS

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, so that the Senate will have some indication as to what confronts us in the next session, I would like to make a brief statement at this time which will be read, I hope, by all Members in the RECORD of today's proceedings, which will appear tomorrow.

With some trepidation I must announce that the legislative logjam that has marked the concluding weeks of the first session of the 92d Congress will mark as well the beginning weeks of the second session.

While the Senate's record has been significant, there remain in this Congress a number of subjects of major importance that must be addressed before the 92d Congress adjourns.

Top on the list are the equal employment opportunity amendments which have been on the Senate Calendar awaiting action since last October 28. It is the intention of the joint leadership to bring this measure before the Senate as its first order of business in the new session. For that purpose S. 2515 has been made the unfinished business.

There will be a number of major items thereafter that will be ready for early consideration. On some, time limitations agreements have already been obtained. The others will be considered on the basis of proceeding until disposed of on the merits. They include voter registration, S. 2574; higher education, S. 659; the equal rights amendment; and welfare and social security, H.R. 1. All of these items are extremely important. All, hopefully, will be disposed of as soon as possible.

Mr. President, I will read the list of these items together with pertinent agreements and announcements that have appeared in connection therewith.

First, S. 2515, equal employment opportunities, the pending business on return for second session, January 18, 1972.

Second. Higher education, S. 659. Time limit of 6 hours, 2 hours on each amendment thereto, and one-half hour

on amendments in the second degree; provided that 3 days' notice be given prior to the consideration of S. 659—RECORD, November 24, S19657.

Third. Equal rights amendment, expected to be reported by February 1, as indicated by Senator ERVIN—RECORD of October 19, S16536:

I believe if it goes over, it will be reported by the 1st of February. I do not believe, with the other press of business, we could possibly do it sooner.

Fourth. Welfare, social security, H.R. 1, expected to be reported by March 1 as indicated by Senator LONG—RECORD, November 17, S18872:

I said to the majority leader earlier today and I said earlier in discussion with him and with other members of the committee prior to that time that it is my hope we can bring the bill out by March 1. It may be that we could have it out here by February 15. That may depend on what schedule the Senate pursues.

Fifth. Voter registration, S. 2574.

ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF RESERVE SUPPLIES OF FARM COMMODITIES

Mr. President, in addition to the items which I have listed as being in line for consideration next year, I wish, on behalf of the distinguished Presiding Officer, the Senator from Montana (Mr. METCALF), and myself, to express the hope that H.R. 1163, a bill to authorize the establishment and maintenance of reserve supplies of farm commodities, will be taken up by the full Committee on Agriculture and Forestry as soon as possible and be reported and placed on the calendar.

It is my understanding that this measure was considered by the appropriate agriculture subcommittee under the chairmanship of the distinguished Senator from North Carolina (Mr. JORDAN) and was reported out of the committee by, I believe, a vote of 9 to 1 or 9 to 0. I do not recall the exact vote. However, because of the lateness of the session, it was evidently impossible for the full committee to meet, and in order to keep the record clear and to clear up any misunderstandings about this bill, I would point out it is not now on the calendar. It has not been before the full Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. It will not be eligible for consideration in the Senate until it is reported by the committee and placed on the Calendar. I want to state, on behalf of the two Senators from Montana (Mr. METCALF and Mr. MANSFIELD), who cosponsored the bill in the Senate, our hope that it will be given expeditious consideration as soon as possible.

Mr. President, what this proposed schedule indicates is that Members should get a good rest when we adjourn this year because next year being a political year and being also a very difficult legislative year will require that Senators come back in the best of health and, hopefully, in the best of spirits.

Mr. JAVITS. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Will the Senator first permit the Chair to complete morning business?

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask