

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this morning there will be a period of morning business for 60 minutes, Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the last portion of the time. Following the period of morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 378, the court security legislation. Cloture was filed on the bill. Members have until 1 p.m. today to file any first-degree amendments to the matter.

I am confident and I am hopeful that we will finish that bill today and be able to move, either this evening or tomorrow, to the matter dealing with competitiveness. Everyone should be made aware of the fact that we have at least 50 cosponsors of that legislation, so there will be no cloture filed to move to it or after we are on it. This is a bill that we should be able to complete without any procedural blocks of any kind from either side. But we are going to finish the court security bill before we leave this week. That may take a little extra time, but I think it is something we all need to do.

Coincidentally, yesterday, as I indicated on the Senate floor, the head of the Marshals Service, Mr. Clark, came to see me. The meeting had been long since scheduled. It was not scheduled as a result of this matter being on the floor of the Senate. He indicated that violence against Federal judges was up 17 percent last year; that there were more than 1,000 open threats against members of the Federal judiciary last year. This does not take into consideration the many instances of threats and actual violence in the State courts. This legislation will not only make safer the people who work in the Federal courts, including the judges, but also has the ability to make our State courts safer.

We need not be reminded too often of what has happened in recent years. In Illinois, a crazed litigant waited in a judge's home. When the family came home—not the judge, just the family members—they were killed. In Nevada, a man who was dissatisfied with what a judge was doing shot the judge. We know what happened in Georgia, where violence took place and people were killed.

This is something we really need to do. Time is of the essence. I understand there are some amendments today, and that is fine. We will dispose of those just as quickly as we can. I hope we do not have to file cloture on the bill.

That is the next thing. I appreciate very much the Republican leader doing what was necessary so we could move to the bill immediately after cloture was invoked on the motion to proceed. This is important legislation, and we should finish it as quickly as we can.

I also want to acknowledge that all Judiciary Committee members are tied up in the Judiciary Committee today, Democrats and Republicans, because Attorney General Gonzales is appearing before them in his much antici-

pated hearing. As a result of that, we didn't have a manager of the bill. SHERROD BROWN, a longtime Member of the House and new Member of the Senate, has agreed to manage this bill, and that will be done on this side. There are no excuses. We need to move forward. We have a manager. We will make sure everything is done in an appropriate manner.

We hope anyone who has amendments to offer will do so. There is nothing pending at this time, as I understand it. I say to the Chair, is that true, that this bill is open to amendment at the present time?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is correct.

Mr. REID. The bill is open to amendment. We hope if people, Democrats or Republicans, think this bill can be improved, they will offer amendments.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader is recognized.

FINISHING LEGISLATION

Mr. McCONNELL. Let me say to my good friend, the majority leader, I think there is an excellent chance of finishing the court security bill fairly soon. He is, indeed, correct that the competitiveness bill which he is calling up after that enjoys broad bipartisan support, so I think these are two pieces of legislation the Senate has a good chance of enacting in the very near future.

NATIONAL COMMEMORATION OF THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

Mr. McCONNELL. With regard to today's remembrance of the Holocaust, at today's 2007 National Commemoration of the Days of Remembrance ceremony, I will have the honor of lighting a candle alongside Holocaust survivor Eva Cooper. Eva was 10 years old when Nazis invaded her hometown of Budapest. She survived in hiding until Soviet forces liberated her and her family in 1945.

Hearing stories like Eva's reminds us that the Holocaust was not one act of evil, but millions, an evil that slaughtered little children and horrified nations. Today, we remember evil and the strength and courage of those who lived under its dark reign.

As time marches ever forward, fewer survivors like Eva Cooper will still live to tell us firsthand of the horrors they saw. That is why the mission of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the host of today's event, is so very important. History must never forget the horror committed against the Jewish people, so that horror of such magnitude can never, never happen again.

Today's ceremony will also serve to remind us of the strength of the Jewish

people in the face of atrocity. The resilience of those who survived, and the determination of those who remember, is proof that the dignity of the human soul will never be trampled by oppression, injustice, or terror.

I yield the floor.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we have had a number of inquiries already in the cloakroom whether there will be votes tomorrow. I will be in consultation with the distinguished Republican leader during the day, and that decision will be made later.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. There will now be a period for morning business for 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the first 30 minutes controlled by the Republican leader or his designee, and the last 30 minutes controlled by the majority leader, or his designee.

The Senator from Florida is recognized.

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. President, I want to use some of the minority time in morning business this morning to discuss H.R. 1591, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2007. We are here now, some 73 days after the President sent us the emergency wartime spending request, and 73 days later we are still waiting to send to our troops the resources they desperately need while they are in harm's way.

On March 23 the House passed their version of the bill, and on March 29 the Senate did as well. We are now in the middle of April and the two bodies have yet to meet to work out their differences. More distressing still, the House has yet to even name conferees.

I know yesterday the leaders of the Congress had a meeting with the President to discuss the progress, or maybe the lack of progress, on this bill. In the 10 weeks since the Congress began consideration, we have turned a bill intended to fund troops into a bill that seeks to put a hasty and misguided withdrawal deadline from Iraq. In addition to that, not only does it not prioritize the war funding and leave it at that, but it also contains about \$20 billion in projects that are neither emergencies and, most of all, are not related to the war effort.

In addition to that, it is clear from the conversations that leaders have had with the President that in this current form this bill will be vetoed. So