

ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 3231—INDEMNITY PAYMENTS TO POULTRY AND EGG PRODUCERS

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, on the basis of a statement made the other day, I ask unanimous consent that Calendar No. 744 S. 3231, a bill to provide indemnity to poultry and egg producers, which was to have come up today, be called up on Tuesday, the 23d of April.

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

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, a 1-hour agreement was granted by the Senate yesterday. Within the 1-hour agreement were three amendments, each to have 10 minutes, and one for 20 minutes. In order to clarify the situation, which has caused some confusion, I ask unanimous consent that the 1 hour be separate and apart from the time agreed to on the three amendments to be offered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1974

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 12 o'clock noon on Monday, April 22, 1974.

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

ORDER FOR RECOGNITION OF SENATOR PROXMIRE ON MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1974

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that after the two leaders have been recognized on Monday, April 22, 1974, the distinguished Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. PROXMIRE) be permitted to speak for not to exceed 15 minutes.

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

DETAIL OF PERSONNEL AND TO LOAN EQUIPMENT TO BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on H.R. 8101, and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be stated by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

H.R. 8101. An act to authorize certain Federal agencies to detail personnel and to loan equipment to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of the Interior.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the bill will be considered as having been read twice by its title, and

the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the bill.

Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, will the Senator from Montana yield?

Mr. MANSFIELD. I yield.

Mr. BAKER. I noted in the announcement of the distinguished majority leader a request that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the poultry bill on Tuesday, the 23rd of April. Might I inquire of the majority leader when he intends that we shall take up the no-fault insurance bill?

Mr. MANSFIELD. I am glad that the Senator reminded me of that. I shall try to keep my word.

NATIONWIDE SYSTEM OF NO-FAULT MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 662, S. 354, and that it be made the pending business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be stated by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 354), to establish a nationwide system of adequate and uniform motor vehicle accident repair acts and to require no-fault motor vehicle insurance as a condition precedent to using a motor vehicle on public roadways in order to promote and regulate interstate commerce.

Mr. BAKER. I thank the distinguished majority leader. If I correctly understand the situation, the no-fault insurance bill has now been laid before the Senate and is the pending business.

Mr. MANSFIELD. That is correct.

Mr. BAKER. And will be considered on Monday, April 22?

Mr. MANSFIELD. That is correct.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate has a matter pending before it.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I move that the Senate revert to the previous business.

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

The clerk will state the amendment.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Insert at the end of the new subparagraph (2) the following new matter:

"(C) The Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife shall make an annual report at the end of each fiscal year to the Congress concerning the utilization of the provisions of this subparagraph and the additional cost, if any, to the Federal Government resulting therefrom. Such annual report shall be referred in the Senate to the Committee on Commerce and in the House of Representatives to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment of the Senator from Montana.

The amendment was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there be no further amendment to be proposed, the question is on the engrossment of the amendment and the third reading of the bill.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed, and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill (H.R. 8101) was passed.

NO-FAULT INSURANCE AND OTHER POSSIBLE SENATE BUSINESS COMMENCING MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1974

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, now that we are back on the pending business—the unfinished business which is the no-fault bill—I call attention to the fact that the chairman of the Committee on Commerce, the distinguished Senator from Washington (Mr. MAGNUSON), has been most desirous that this measure be brought up. He will make a brief opening statement tonight and I would hope that he and the distinguished Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. CORROR), the ranking Republican member of the committee, will be here on Monday, April 22, to begin the debate on this most important measure. Should the need arise, however, it will be the intention of the leadership to endeavor to clear as many bills as possible so that if gaps do arise for any reason beginning on Monday, April 22, there are a number of bills and conference reports that may be considered. All Senators should be on notice. Matters in this category include the following: H.R. 11385 dealing with health services research and medical libraries; S. 411, dealing with the Postal Service, S. 3203, dealing with the National Labor Relations Act; S. 2986, dealing with the International Economic Policy Act; and the conference report on energy. I urge all Senators to take note of this and to be prepared beginning the day we reconvene.

Mr. MAGNUSON. Mr. President today the Senate begins floor consideration of S. 354, the National No-Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Act. After weeks of hearings and hours of executive deliberation, two committees of the Senate have favorably reported S. 354 to the Senate floor.

A majority of both the Senate Commerce Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee have recommended that S. 354 be passed by the full Senate. While opponents of the legislation will engage in hours and hours of debate on the particular details of S. 354, the basic issues are simple:

First, should every automobile accident victim in the United States receive timely compensation without regard to fault for the economic losses he sustains in an automobile accident?

Second, should automobile insurance consumers be afforded over a billion dollars a year in premium savings?

If a Senator wants to provide timely compensation for each auto victim while simultaneously reducing premium costs, he will vote for S. 354. If he does not want to assure timely compensation to each and every automobile accident victim or afford them significant premium reduction, he will vote against S. 354. It is as simple as that.

Some of my colleagues will attempt to run away from the issue by hiding behind the claim that S. 354 will produce premium increases in their particular State. That argument, however, has no substance because of the independent actuarial study by Milliman and Robert-