

rights as a Senator; and while it may cause some inconvenience to the rest of us, nevertheless, I have nothing but praise for his tenacity, his determination, and his belief that what he is doing is the right thing to do.

By the same token, I have just as much, if not a little more, praise for the distinguished Senator from Louisiana [Mr. LONG] who found himself in the dual capacity of being the deputy majority leader, trying to bring this Congress to a close, and, on the other hand, being the chairman of the Finance Committee, in charge of a bill which had passed both bodies, which had been agreed to in conference; and the conference report itself had been agreed to in the House. I want to express my deep personal thanks for the understanding he has shown, and to say that on yesterday he showed a great deal more leadership and understanding than did the Senator from Montana.

I also thank the distinguished senior Senator from Delaware [Mr. WILLIAMS], who is opposed to the conference report and intends to fight it and speak against it. He has always, and especially in this case, been most considerate and understanding and very helpful in trying to work a way out of the impasse in which we find ourselves.

I am also deeply grateful to the distinguished senior Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. PASTORE] who participated actively in these discussions and who is fully aware of the situations which developed, the possibilities which were considered, and the conclusions which were reached. I cannot thank him enough for the courtesy, the consideration, and the kindness which he has shown toward the Senator from Montana, because he, likewise, is in a particularly difficult spot after having had his supplemental bill passed by the Senate, agreed to in conference, and ready to be taken up on the floor. It is a bill which is very important. It has to do with funds for education, for veterans, for health, and other related matters, and which will not be forthcoming until the supplemental bill is passed.

I am aware of the situation which confronts this body at this time. Some of us have personal problems, others have election problems, and every Member, I am sure, has had to cancel engagements of some degree of significance. That is all right. We are paid to be Senators. We are paid to be on the job, and every Senator involved in this situation is acting within the rules and regulations of the Senate. I find fault with no one for what is being done, but I did think that this situation should be brought to the attention of the Senate and the public so that the cards would be laid on the table. Every time we have meetings of the sort we had yesterday, rumors and innuendoes and things of

that sort spread and it is better that what can be done be done in the open, what can be said be said for all to hear.

We are in for a long session before we adjourn. I only express the hope that enough Senators will remain on hand so that we can attend to the business and vote this matter up or down.

I think that the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. GORE] is entitled to and will give this body a full explanation. I know that, being the man of honor and integrity he is, he will operate within the rules and regulations of the Senate and will keep me informed, insofar as he can, of what he intends to do, as he has done thus far, and I, in turn, will do my best to keep him informed of anything I intend to do before it is done.

Again, I am most sorry for those who have difficult campaigns and who have come back, or are on their way back, but I am deeply appreciative to them for what they are doing.

I now yield to the Senator from Ohio [Mr. LAUSCHE].

Mr. LAUSCHE. What is the reason that we cannot take up the supplemental appropriation bill first, on which there is general agreement, and then take up the controversial issue which seems to block us?

Mr. MANSFIELD. The reason is a practical one. I hope—and I stress the “I”—that we can keep enough Senators here so that we can pay proper attention to both of these bills, because both of them are important.

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

Mr. MANSFIELD. I yield.

Mr. PASTORE. I want to say to the distinguished leader that no one has been more inconvenienced by the tactics being employed, and I use the word “tactics” advisedly and with no meanness, than has the Senator from Rhode Island. As a matter of fact I stayed up nights reviewing the record made on the appropriation bill, both on the floor of the Senate and in the House, so that I would be prepared and be able to expedite the adjournment of this Congress sine die, and so that I would not be held at fault because of delay on the part of our subcommittee.

We held hearings on the supplemental appropriation bill under strenuous and pressing circumstances. We came to the floor, and the Senate was very cooperative. We passed a bill in a very short time. We went to conference and resolved all of our difficulties.

I want to say to the distinguished leader that even I suggested to him the possibility of bringing up the supplemental appropriation bill before we discussed the foreign investment bill, and he explained his position well and explicitly to me. I realize the realities of the situation. If we passed the supplemental bill we could not get 20 Senators back to pass this other important bill.