

Mr. MANSFIELD. Or to defeat it.

Mr. PASTORE. I realize that.

I paid my price. I do not know how many engagements I had back home. I have been inconvenienced, too. The trouble with the majority leader is that he is too genteel; he never pushed anybody; he never pressed anybody, he never raised his voice to anybody, and he has always gone that extra mile to be chivalrous and a gentleman.

There is not a blessed thing in this bill holding us up that has not been considered and voted by the Senate. We are entitled to a second look but we have to take into account the interest and comfort of other Members of this body, and the fact that there are a lot of Members here in marginal States where it is absolutely necessary for them to go back home and fight the battle that needs to be fought so that they may return to Congress in January.

If the bill that is holding us up contained anything that was added by the House, I think we would have every right to say we never considered that matter before, and you could stay here and delay and delay and delay, and you would be right in doing so.

I understand the matters that are the bones of contention, and I voted against the bill.

Mr. MANSFIELD. And so did I.

Mr. PASTORE. I understand the matters that are bones of contention are matters passed upon not only by the

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committees, but also voted upon on this floor and overwhelmingly passed. This is nothing new.

The people who are holding up the Senate knew that there was a lack of a quorum yesterday afternoon. While the majority leader said that it is within every Senator's right to exercise his prerogatives—I am not critical of that—this is most unfair to the men who are struggling to be reelected and have to be carried all the way across the country to say, "I am present," because when the smoke clears from the battlefield, whether it is tonight, whether it is next week, or whether it is next month, the situation that exists today will be the same situation: that conference report is going to be approved as it is. I know that just as sure as the Lord made little apples.

That is all I have to say. No one is suffering more because of this than is the Senator from Rhode Island. We were ready to go last night. I would hope that the Senator will keep us here around the clock until we vote to adjourn sine die.

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

Mr. MANSFIELD. I yield to the Senator from Oregon.

Mr. MORSE. Mr. President, I want to say in the very tense moments in the

Senate that we ought to pause a moment to appreciate our blessings. One of our great blessings, to which I call attention, and a great source of inspiration for all of us, is to see a man with us today who, I suspect, should not be with us for his own good—the fact that the Senator from Arizona [Mr. HAYDEN] is back.

The Senator from Arizona is a veteran of many battles, over the years, such as the one we are now confronting. His presence here should stimulate us this morning as we seek to get together to resolve the parliamentary situation which confronts us.

I am sure that the Senate wishes to join me in expressing that view, when we welcome our very dear friend the Senator from Arizona back to the Senate this morning. [Applause.]

Mr. HOLLAND. Mr. President, I realize that there are Senators on both sides of the aisle who have a critical need to be home campaigning.

Heretofore, I have never supported all-night sessions, or continuing sessions, but it seems to me, in simple justice to the many Senators on both sides of the aisle who have critical problems at home which require them to be there, that we should terminate this business, whether it go one way or the other—and I am not committed on either side—and do it as quickly as possible.

I hope that the distinguished majority leader will depart from his normal practice and keep us here, all night if necessary, and for such time as may be necessary tomorrow, until we can get through with this business.

I remind the majority leader that this is a matter on which no amendments can be offered. It is a matter on which two speeches on an issue are involved. It has application to a matter on which we can come to a head one way or the other and which can be disposed of in a brief time.

I think that in justice to the many Senators running for reelection and the difficult races which are confronting some of them, we should dispose of this matter in the shortest possible time.

My own strong recommendation—and this is a departure from everything I have done heretofore—is that we should stay here continuously until we dispose of the business before us. This may call for a Sunday session—I hope not—but I think we should get rid of this business and let Senators who have critical problems of campaigning go home and get back into the business of campaigning.

I hope that the distinguished majority leader will depart from his normal practice for the reasons which I have mentioned.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Let me say to the Senator from Florida that that matter is being given the utmost consideration.

Mr. LONG of Louisiana. Mr. Presi-