would be more amendments than the motions already filed by Senators, but in good faith I counteroffered that I would be willing to schedule votes on seven of these Republican motions to suspend.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore, Mr. REID, I call the question of whether the Senate is ready to vote on the motion to suspend Rule XXII, paragraph No. 2, for the purpose of proposing and considering amendment No. 670.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I make a point of order that the motion to suspend is a dilatory motion under rule XXII.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The point of order is not sustained.

Mr. REID. I appeal the ruling of the Chair and request the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second?

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I have a sufficient inquiry.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. If I may make a brief observation. Listening carefully to the majority leader, he is suggesting the specter of filibustering by amendment when, in fact, we had already agreed to seven.

Having agreed to seven, it strikes me as very difficult to argue that we are establishing some precedent for filibustering by amendment because he and I had agreed to seven. The only place this ran afoul was the majority leader trying to pick all seven of the minority's amendments.

So what we have is that no amendments have been considered other than those of a technical nature offered by the minority leader in order to fill up the tree. That was prior to cloture. So what is about to happen is that the majority is trying to set a new precedent on how the Senate operates.

For the record, my preference would have been to consider amendments on both sides under a regular process, which we could have done earlier this week. Instead, we have been locked out, and in a few moments the rules of the Senate will be effectively changed to lock out the minority party even more.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Is there a sufficient second?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. There is a sufficient second.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Will the majority leader withdraw his amendment?

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. Boxer) is a necessary absent.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 48, nays 51, as follows:

[Roll Call Vote No. 157 Log.]

YEAS—48

Alexander ..... Enzi  
Ayotte ..... Graham  
Barrasso ..... Gregg  
Blunt ..... Hagel  
Brown (MA) ..... Heller  
Brown (OH) ..... Hoeven  
Burk ..... Hutchinson  
Chambliss ..... Inhofe  
Coburn ..... Hoeven  
Cochrane ..... Johnson (WI)  
Collins ..... Kerk  
Corzine ..... Kyl  
Correa ..... Levin  
Crapo ..... Lugar  
DeMint ..... McCain  
YEAS—51

Alaska ..... Baucus  
Boehner ..... Beatty  
Bingaman ..... Brown (SD)  
Blumenthal ..... Burke  
Browne (ON) ..... Casey  
Cantwell ..... Cardin  
Capito ..... Casey  
Conrad ..... Cochran  
Coons ..... Moynihan  
Durbin ..... McCaskill  
Franken ..... Merkley  
Gillibrand ..... Mikulski  
NAY—51

Barrasso ..... Carper  
Baucus ..... Capito  
Beatty ..... Cleland  
Beck  ..... Crist  
Brown (MA) ..... Donnelly  
Brown (OH) ..... Harkin  
Burk ..... Johnson (IA)  
Cantwell ..... Johnson (SD)  
Casey ..... Klobuchar  
Cochrane ..... Landrieu  
Collins ..... Leahy  
Corzine ..... Lieberman  
Correa ..... Mann  
Crapo ..... McCaskill  
DeMint ..... Menendez  
Durbin ..... Merkley  
Franken ..... Mikulski  
Gillibrand ..... Mikulski  
Gillibrand ..... Nye  
Gillibrand ..... Nye  
Gillibrand ..... Whitehouse  
NAY—51

Mr. REID. The PRESIDENT pro tempore. On this vote, the yeas are 48, the nays are 51.

The decision of the Chair does not stand as the judgment of the Senate. Therefore, the point of order is sustained.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I know there are some hurt feelings here, perhaps on both sides, because this hasn't been easy for me, either, but let's not dwell on that. But I want the record to reflect that the fact that we have to do things sometimes that are difficult doesn't mean Senator McCaskill and I have any problems with each other. I want to make sure the record is clear in that regard.

We will discuss later how we are going to move forward on other things. But here is my suggestion, unless someone has some objection. The time for cloture running out on this is sometime tomorrow afternoon. I don't know to what extent, if any, this will be to everyone's interest that we vote on this on Tuesday when we come back.

When we are going to do is that we will work to have an agreement that is arranged, because we don't intend to spend all night Tuesday doing this, so have made commitments to do.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, will the majority leader yield?

Mr. REID. Yes.

Mr. MCCONNELL. What do you hear the majority leader saying is we are going to vote on the trade agreements on Wednesday. Is that what my friend is saying?

Mr. REID. That is what I said.

Mr. MCCONNELL. That means the President of South Korea will have the opportunity to address the joint session. On Thursday, having hopefully seen the United States approve these long-awaited trade agreements.

Mr. REID. So unless someone has some objection, we will leave here for the evening and the Senate will work out a fair agreement on the trade agreements at some subsequent time after conferring with the Republican leader.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, has a unanimous consent request been proposed, or was the majority leader simply stating that we would proceed to vote on Tuesday unless there was objection?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. What I said is that—my friend from Mississippi is right. Unless someone has an objection, we will set things up to vote Tuesday evening; otherwise, we will have to vote tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, if I could reserve the right to object, and I may or may not object but——

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. There is no unanimous consent at this time.

Mr. WICKER. I wish to be recognized to speak then.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader still has the floor.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I note the absence of a quorum.

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

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.