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Subject: Kerry-McCain Libya Res. Debate -- Postponed

Madam Secretary,

By unanimous consent, the cloture motion with respect the motion to proceed to S.J.Res.20, the Kerry-McCain resolution regarding Libya, was vitiated and the motion to proceed to S.J.Res.20 was withdrawn. In other words, the Senate will not be taking up the resolution this week as had been originally planned. No date for resumption of the debate has been announced.

Rather, Leader Reid signaled the Senate will instead focus on the budget this week.

A brief transcript of Reid's floor statement is below.

Thanks.

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MR. REID: MR. CHAIRMAN, THE SENATE WAS SCHEDULED TODAY AT

5:00 TO VOTE ON THE MOTION TO INVOKE CLOTURE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED TO THE BIPARTISAN LIBYA RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SPONSORED BY SENATORS KERRY, McCAIN, LEVIN, KYL, DURBIN, FEINSTEIN, GRAHAM, AND OTHERS. I'VE SPOKEN WITH THE REPUBLICAN LEADER JUST A SHORT TIME AGO, AND WE'VE AGREED NOTWITHSTANDING THE BROAD SUPPORT FOR THE LIBYA RESOLUTION, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR US TO FOCUS ON THIS WEEK IS THE BUDGET. SO WE'LL WORK TO RECIPIENT A VOTE ON -- TO SET UP A VOTE ON THE SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION THAT I HAVE OFFERED ON SHARED SACRIFICE AND PERHAPS THE REPUBLICAN ALTERNATIVE AS WELL. AND MEETINGS ARE IN PROCESS NOW AND WILL CONTINUE ON THE DEBT LIMIT AND THE LARGER DEBT MATTER THROUGHOUT THE CAPITOL AND I'M CONFIDENT EVERYONE

KNOWS THE WHITE HOUSE IS INVOLVED IN THESE. SO I ASK UNANIMOUS
CONSENT THAT THE CLOTURE MOTION WITH RESPECT TO THE MOTION TO
PROCEED TO PROCEED TO S.J. RES. 20 SHALL VITIATED.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: WITHOUT OBJECTION.

MR. REID: I WITHDRAW MY MOTION TO PROCEED TO S.J. RES. 20.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.

MR. REID: I NOW MOVE TO PROCEED TO CALENDAR NUMBER 93, S. 1323.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER: THE CLERK WILL REPORT.

MR. REID: THAT'S 1323.

THE CLERK: MOTION TO PROCEED TO CALENDAR NUMBER 93, S. 1323, A
BILL TO EXPRESS THE SENSE THE SENATE ON SHARED SACRIFICE IN
RESOLVING THE BUDGET D.

MR. REID: MR. PRESIDENT, THERE

WILL BE A VOTE AT 5:00 P.M. TODAY ON A MOTION TO INSTRUCT THE
SERGEANTS TO NOTIFY SENATORS FOR THEIR TEN DANCE IN THE UNITED
STATES SENATE AT THIS IMPORTANT TIME IN OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY.

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