

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Illinois

United States Senate
Minority Leader

Keep Congress In Session

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Dear :

I was prepared to suggest that Congress recess instead of adjourn or make it possible for the congressional leaders, both Democrat and Republican, to be able to summon Congress into session if necessary. On second thought it occurred to me that such action might develop a sense of alarm in some quarters, and since we had the assurances of the President at a bipartisan leadership breakfast that he would summon the leaders or the Congress into session if necessary this would meet the problem.

I appreciate your interest in this matter because times are unpredictable indeed.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen