

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Dorgan amendment No. 3667, to express the sense of the Senate that a balanced budget constitutional amendment should protect the Social Security system by excluding the receipts and outlays of the Social Security trust funds from the budget.

Simpson amendment No. 3669, to prohibit foreign students on F-1 visas from obtaining free public elementary or secondary education.

Simpson amendment No. 3670, to establish a pilot program to collect information relating to nonimmigrant foreign students.

Simpson amendment No. 3671, to create new ground of exclusion and of deportation for falsely claiming U.S. citizenship.

Simpson amendment No. 3672 (to amendment No. 3667), in the nature of a substitute.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

Mr. DORGAN. Parliamentary inquiry.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Dakota will state his inquiry, and then it is the Chair's intention to recognize the Senator from—

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, the parliamentary inquiry is this. When I offered an objection to the unanimous-consent request, the unanimous-consent request was then not agreed to. At that moment I said, "Mr. President," and the Chair recognized the Senator from North Dakota.

I do not quite understand that the right of recognition on the floor of the Senate has changed because I read the rule book about the right of recognition. After I was recognized, the Senator from Wyoming then asked a series of questions of the Chair, from whom he got a sympathetic answer, which does not comport with the rules of Senate.

I would like to understand the circumstances which existed when the Chair recognized me after I objected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator knows that the stating of a parliamentary inquiry does not gain the floor. The Senator from Wyoming has the floor. The floor was placed under the regular order, which the Senator from North Dakota had called for. Under the previous order, the Senate resumed consideration of S. 1664, which is the pending business. The Chair asked the clerk to report. The Senator from Wyoming has the floor.

Mr. DORGAN. Parliamentary inquiry. This Senator begs to differ with the President. The circumstances of the Senate were this: The Senator from Wyoming propounded a unanimous-consent request. The Chair asked if there was an objection. The Senator from North Dakota objected. At that point, the Senator from North Dakota addressed the President, "Mr. President." The President of the Senate recognized the Senator from North Dakota. At that point I was recognized and had the floor of the Senate.

I do not understand the ruling or the interpretation of the Chair that leads to a different result. I would very much like to try to understand that.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Dakota is correct to this extent: The pending business is S. 1664. The chairman of the Immigration Subcommittee, Senator SIMPSON, has the right to be recognized under that pending business. The Chair has recognized the Senator.

Mr. DORGAN. Parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, may I just ask my friend from North Dakota? I think the Chair could easily have determined that in recognizing the Senator from North Dakota, it was for the point of parliamentary inquiry. That was all that the Senator from North Dakota was seeking. If he was recognized, which he was, then certainly it was on the point of a parliamentary inquiry. I think that is perhaps the confusion.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, parliamentary inquiry: The right of—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, the President, will state again to the Senator from North Dakota that no one has the right to the floor when the President is asking the clerk to read the bill, which is the regular order. At that point in time, the Senator from Wyoming has the right to be recognized, and the Chair has recognized him.

So the Senator from Wyoming is recognized.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, parliamentary inquiry. Did the Senator from Wyoming seek the floor when I made the objection to the unanimous-consent request?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. No.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, after the unanimous-consent request was made and I objected, for what purpose did the Presiding Officer recognize the Senator from North Dakota? The transcript will show that the President recognized the Senator from North Dakota at that point.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Presiding Officer recognized the Senator from North Dakota for the purpose of inquiring what the nature of the parliamentary inquiry was and recognized the Senator from Wyoming and the manager of the bill, which is the pending business. It automatically became the pending business.

Mr. DORGAN. Further parliamentary inquiry. I think a mistake has been made here. I think I could easily understand what the mistake is if we had the transcript read back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming is recognized.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I hope that all of us understand what the situation is—I do anyway—and that is that the Senator from North Dakota feels very strongly about an issue which he proposed yesterday that had to do with a balanced budget amendment and Social Security and offsets and that type of thing, a rather consistent theme by the Senator from North Dakota that he talked about. There is also a proposal—I am not leadership. I am not rep-

resenting leadership. What we are trying to do is go forward with an immigration bill. There will be many extraneous amendments on this bill, I feel quite certain. All I am trying to do is to get to the hour of 2:15, after which time the Senator from North Dakota may do anything that he desires to do with regard to the issue.

At this time I yield the floor for purposes of an opening statement by Senator BRYAN of Nevada.

Mr. DORGAN. I object, Mr. President.

Mr. BRYAN. I thank the Chair.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I object.

Mr. SIMPSON. There is not anything to object to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Did the Senator from Wyoming propound a—

Mr. SIMPSON. No; I did not propose a unanimous-consent request. I simply yielded the floor to the Senator from Nevada.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

Mr. DORGAN. Parliamentary inquiry. That is not the way the Senate operates.

Mr. KENNEDY. The rules of the Senate require one can only yield for purposes of a question. That has been the rule for 200 years.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts is correct.

Mr. DOLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The distinguished majority leader.

RECESS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I move we stand in recess until 2:15.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to standing in recess until 2:15?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The motion was agreed to, and, at 11:21 a.m., the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer [Mr. COATS].

WHITEWATER DEVELOPMENT CORP. AND RELATED MATTERS—MOTION TO PROCEED

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the hour of 2:15 p.m. having arrived, under rule XXII, the clerk will report the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to Senate Resolution 227.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to S. Res. 227, regarding the Whitewater extension.

Alfonse D'Amato, Dan Coats, Phil Gramm, Bob Smith, Mike DeWine, Bill Roth, Bill Cohen, Jim Jeffords, R.F. Bennett, John Warner, Larry Pressler, Spencer Abraham, Conrad Burns, Al

Simpson, John H. Chafee, Frank H. Murkowski.

CALL OF THE ROLL

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The mandatory quorum call has been waived.

VOTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of Senate Resolution 227, the Whitewater resolution, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are required. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. LOTT. I announce that the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK] is necessarily absent.

I further announce that the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] is absent due to a death in the family.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] would vote "yea."

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] is absent because of illness.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 61 Leg]

YEAS—51

Abraham	Faircloth	Lugar
Ashcroft	Frist	McCain
Bennett	Gorton	McConnell
Bond	Gramm	Nickles
Brown	Grams	Pressler
Burns	Grassley	Roth
Campbell	Gregg	Santorum
Chafee	Hatch	Shelby
Coats	Hatfield	Simpson
Cochran	Helms	Smith
Cohen	Hutchison	Snowe
Coverdell	Inhofe	Specter
Craig	Jeffords	Stevens
D'Amato	Kassebaum	Thomas
DeWine	Kempthorne	Thompson
Dole	Kyl	Thurmond
Domenici	Lott	Warner

NAYS—46

Akaka	Ford	Mikulski
Baucus	Glenn	Moseley-Braun
Biden	Graham	Moynihan
Bingaman	Harkin	Murray
Boxer	Hefflin	Nunn
Bradley	Hollings	Pell
Breaux	Inouye	Pryor
Bryan	Johnston	Reid
Bumpers	Kennedy	Robb
Byrd	Kerrey	Rockefeller
Daschle	Kerry	Sarbanes
Dodd	Kohl	Simon
Dorgan	Lautenberg	Wellstone
Exon	Leahy	Wyden
Feingold	Levin	
Feinstein	Lieberman	

NOT VOTING—3

Conrad	Mack	Murkowski
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 46. Three-fifths of the Senators not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The majority leader is recognized.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST— S. 1664

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, what I am going to propound when Senator

DASCHLE arrives is consent that consideration of the immigration bill be limited to relevant amendments only. Either we will finish this bill or we will move to something else. It is my hope we can complete action on the immigration bill by tomorrow evening and then go to the Kassebaum-Kennedy health care bill.

In the interim, we need to take care of the conference report on terrorism. The original bill passed the Senate last May. We are prepared, if we cannot do business on the immigration bill, to move to the conference report on terrorism. We would like to finish that so that the House might complete action on it by Thursday.

I now ask unanimous consent that during the consideration of the pending immigration bill, the bill be limited to relevant amendments only.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I wonder how many times Senator DOLE has been in the opposite position, when Senator MITCHELL and my distinguished predecessor, Senator BYRD, made similar requests on the Senate floor.

We all know the circumstances on the Senate floor. We all know that there are many occasions when Senators have no other opportunity to raise an issue except in the form of amendments to pending legislation. Our Republican colleagues have done it time and time again, both in this Congress as well as in previous Congresses.

Given that, I propose a modification to the unanimous-consent request that I think is reasonable. We would be prepared to offer just two nonrelevant amendments, the minimum wage amendment as well as the Dorgan amendment relating to the balanced budget proposal, and would even be prepared to allow the Republicans a similar number of nonrelevant amendments, with time constraints and no second-degree amendments, in an effort to accommodate the schedule.

That is not, it seems to me, too much to ask. We could accommodate that within the next hour or two. We could even agree to a limited number of amendments on the bill itself that are relevant. I make that modification and ask the distinguished majority leader whether he would be inclined to support it. If so, I think we could find a way in which to schedule this legislation and reach final passage.

Mr. DOLE. Maybe regulatory reform. We have over a majority. We have 58 votes; we need 60. My colleagues on the other side will not let us bring that to a vote. That costs the average family about \$6,000 per year because of excessive regulations. We think it is a reasonable nonpartisan bipartisan approach to regulatory reform. Maybe that is an amendment we could look at.

What I will tell the Democratic leader, I am happy to consider that, but I assume if he objects to this request, we

will go on to the terrorism conference report, after a statement by the distinguished Senator from Wyoming, Senator SIMPSON. Maybe while we are resolving that bill, we could see if we can resolve this one.

I said we passed this bill last May. It was June 7 that the terrorism bill passed by a vote of 91 to 8. We have pretty much the same bill. I hope we would not spend a great deal of time on the conference report. Then we can go back to the immigration bill if we can work out an agreement. If not—

Mr. DASCHLE. If I can respond to the distinguished majority leader, I hope we could use whatever time we have available to us to see if we can find some mutually agreeable schedule here. Our desire is to come to final passage on an illegal immigration bill.

We want to see that happen as badly as anybody else here in the Senate. We also recognize, however, that circumstances in the past have precluded us from offering amendments relating to minimum wage. We will not have, if we bring up the constitutional amendment to balance the budget under the reconsideration rules here in the Senate, an opportunity to offer amendments. So we really have no vehicle with which to offer alternatives.

But I understand and certainly respect the majority leader's position, and I want to work with him to see if we cannot accommodate his desire and ours to complete work on the illegal immigration bill, as well as to have opportunities to vote on issues that we hold to be very important.

I object under the circumstances now presented.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. DOLE. As I understand it, the Senator had a modification to mine?

Mr. DASCHLE. Yes, I proposed a modification.

Mr. DOLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader has the floor.

TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT— CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I hope that the Chair may lay before the Senate the conference report to accompany the terrorism bill, and I will ask that the conference report be considered as having been read, and then we can make whatever statements we want.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DASCHLE. Reserving the right to object. If, as soon as that is laid down, the Presiding Officer could recognize the Senator from Massachusetts and the Senator from Wyoming, I would have no objections, with that understanding.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.