

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader.

Mr. LOTT. Just to clarify what was said, Senator HARKIN said that there will be more votes tonight. That is not what Senator DASCHLE said. He said this does not preclude that. We have our normal rights for full debate, and we have to work out agreements to when we would vote, ordinarily. So I am not saying there will not be votes, but I just do not want to leave the wrong impression.

Mr. HARKIN. So I guess what I read into that, if the Senator will yield, is that it is the Senator's intention not to have any votes tonight?

Mr. LOTT. I don't want to make any more profound statement on this subject than Senator DASCHLE did. I would want to consult with him. No final decision or announcement has been made on that.

Mr. MCCAIN. Reserving the right to object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. MCCAIN. I reserve the right to object. Because of intentional and unintentional parliamentary procedures, I have not been allowed to propose my amendment before the vote on cloture. If cloture is invoked, then I may not be able to have this amendment be germane.

So I ask unanimous consent that that unanimous consent agreement be amended that my amendment be made in order to the Daschle substitute, as several other amendments have been made in order, in the event of the invocation of cloture.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. LEVIN. Reserving the right to object.

Mr. MCCAIN. Then I object to the unanimous consent request. I think I should be allowed to propose and have debate on an amendment to the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the motion to invoke cloture.

The assistant 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, hereby move to bring to a close the debate on the Daschle for Harkin substitute amendment No. 2471 for Calendar No. 237, S. 1731, the farm bill:

Tim Johnson, Harry Reid, Barbara Boxer, Tom Carper, Zell Miller, Max Baucus, Byron

Dorgan, Ben Nelson, Daniel Inouye, Tom Harkin, Kent Conrad, Mark Dayton, Debbie Stabenow, Richard Durbin, Jim Jeffords, Tom Daschle, and Blanche Lincoln.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the substitute amendment No. 2471 to S. 1731, a bill to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are required under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY)

is necessarily absent.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) is necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 53, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 368 Leg.]

YEAS—53

Akaka	Dodd	Levin
Baucus	Dorgan	Lieberman
Bayh	Durbin	Lincoln
Biden	Edwards	Mikulski
Bingaman	Feingold	Miller
Boxer	Feinstein	Nelson (FL)
Breaux	Graham	Nelson (NE)
Byrd	Harkin	Reed
Cantwell	Hollings	Reid
Carnahan	Hutchinson	Rockefeller
Carper	Inouye	Sarbanes
Chafee	Jeffords	Schumer
Cleland	Johnson	Snowe
Clinton	Kennedy	Stabenow
Collins	Kerry	Torricelli
Conrad	Kohl	Weilstone
Corzine	Landrieu	Wyden
Dayton	Leahy	

NAYS—45

Allard	Fitzgerald	Murkowski
Allen	Frist	Nickles
Bennett	Gramm	Roberts
Bond	Grassley	Santorum
Brownback	Gregg	Sessions
Bunning	Hagel	Shelby
Burns	Hatch	Smith (NH)
Campbell	Helms	Smith (OR)
Cochran	Hutchison	Specter
Craig	Inhofe	Stevens
Crapo	Kyl	Thomas
Daschle	Lott	Thompson
DeWine	Lugar	Thurmond
Ensign	McCain	Voinovich
Enzi	McConnell	Warner

NOT VOTING—2

Domenici	Murray
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 53, the nays are 45. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

Mr. DASCHLE. I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. REID. I move to lay that motion on the table.

Mr. President, I withdraw my motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is entered.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. DASCHLE. There has been a good deal of discussion during the vote on how to proceed. I think we may have reached an agreement, a consensus on how to complete the agreement that would be in most people's interests and accommodating most schedules; that is, if we voted on the defense authorization conference report right now.

As I understand it, the chair of the committee, the chair of the Appropriations Committee, as well as the chair of the defense authorizing committee and ranking member are prepared to speak about the conference report for the record and share with Members its many component parts immediately following the vote.

I ask unanimous consent that the defense authorization conference report be brought before the Senate and the Senate vote on its final adoption.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. BYRD. Reserving the right to object—I do not intend to object—I want Senators to know I intend to vote against this conference report, and I will explain why because I understand the problems that confront the leader and I am very willing to wait until after the vote to make that statement.

Mr. MCCAIN. Reserving the right to object, is it the intention of the majority leader to return to consideration of the agriculture bill?

Mr. DASCHLE. The Senator from Arizona is correct.

Mr. MCCAIN. I ask that, following the Wyden-Brownback amendment, the McCain-Gramm amendment be considered.

Mr. DASCHLE. For clarification, we will have the discussion about the defense authorization conference report. Immediately following that, it will be my intention to go back to the farm bill. I think there was some understanding that we recognize the Senator from Kansas and the Senator from Oregon for a brief period of time for an amendment that I think has been agreed to, and then it would be our intention to move to the amendment offered by the Senator from Arizona.

Mr. LOTT. Reserving the right to object, if I could, just for one clarification, if Senator DASCHLE would clarify, will we have the vote on the judge that had been scheduled in this back-to-back vote?

Mr. DASCHLE. That would be my intention, that we would.

Mr. LOTT. I withdraw.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. GRAHAM. I ask, in addition to the current unanimous consent request, that immediately after debate on the amendment of the Senator from Arizona, we then turn to the debate on the amendment as offered by Senator SMITH of New Hampshire and Senator TORRICELLI of New Jersey.

Mr. DASCHLE. That will be made part of the request.

