

TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002—Continued

AMENDMENT NO. 1576

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the pending amendment be set aside and that I be permitted to send an amendment to the desk and have it considered.

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

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], for himself and Mr. DOMENICI, proposes an amendment numbered 1576.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To authorize State, regional, or local transportation authorities that receive Federal Transit Administration assistance or grants, to purchase heavy-duty transit buses through the General Services Administration)

After section 642, insert the following:

SEC. 643. (a) State, regional, or local transportation authorities that are recipients of Federal Transit Administration assistance or grants may purchase heavy-duty transit buses through the General Service Administration.

(b) The Administrator of General Services shall notify the appropriate congressional committees if the administrative costs incurred by the General Service Administration in implementing this section are in excess of fees provided to the General Service Administration under provisions of existing contracts for the purchase of heavy-duty transit buses.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, this is an amendment I am offering on behalf of myself and Senator DOMENICI. It authorizes State and local transit authorities that receive Federal transit assistance to purchase transit buses through the GSA list. That is the General Services Administration list.

Currently only the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority has the option to purchase buses through the General Services Administration. The amendment would open up that option to other public transit agencies around the country that also receive Federal transit assistance, as the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority does.

The General Services Administration currently offers three heavy-duty transit buses on its schedule. GSA selected the three as a result of competitive solicitations, and the companies had to bid attractive terms and prices in order to win those 5-year contracts and get on that list for the General Services Administration.

Allowing other public transit agencies the option to purchase these buses from GSA would result in substantial cost and time savings for these agencies. This would, of course, be especially valuable to some of our smaller communities around the country.

The new authority is limited only to transit buses and options offered by the

General Services Administration. So the resulting demand will be limited only to transit agencies that want the specific bus that GSA offers. This does not require anyone to buy anything. This does provide an option that they can use for purchasing if they desire to do so.

However, in the next 12 to 18 months, GSA plans to broaden the program to a multiple award schedule with a larger variety of vehicles and optional equipment choices, which of course will benefit everyone.

We understand GSA is concerned that it may not be able today to adequately implement this new option. Consequently, the amendment directs GSA to notify the committee of jurisdiction if it finds that the program is resulting in unanticipated costs or impacts. We try in the language to give GSA the opportunity to do that if they determine that that is required.

This is a meritorious amendment. It is one I would very much like to see adopted as part of this legislation. I urge my colleagues to support it.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the amendment?

If not, the question is on agreeing to amendment No. 1576.

The amendment (No. 1576) was agreed to.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to address the Senate for 5 minutes.

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

ACTS OF BRAVERY AND KINDNESS FOLLOWING THE TERRORIST ATTACK

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, during the course of the past week, we have witnessed extraordinary acts of bravery: aboard the aircraft that were hijacked, at the World Trade Center Towers, and at the Pentagon.

In addition, we have witnessed extraordinary acts of kindness by people from all walks of life in this Nation who have reached into their own pockets and hearts and sought to comfort those who have lost loved ones, who sought to donate something of their own, including their blood and money, to assist those who have suffered egregious losses.

Earlier this afternoon, I visited the Dover Air Force Base in the State of Delaware and spent time at the mortuary where the bodies of scores of victims of the crash and tragedy at the Pentagon are being taken. There I had

the opportunity to thank men and women—active duty reservists, members of the National Guard, and civilians—who have come from all across the country in order to try to identify the remains of those who lost their lives in the crash at the Pentagon, in order to try to be able to provide to families who lost loved ones a sense of closure, to be able to take the remains of their husband, wife, son, or daughter and to be able to give them a proper funeral, to lay them to rest at their final resting place with dignity.

The job is as difficult and challenging as perhaps any job that has been undertaken in the wake of these tragedies. I want to express on behalf of not just the people of Delaware and those of us in my State who are affected, but people throughout the country who are touched and have lost a relative, a loved one, who will have that sense of closure because of the efforts going on today, yesterday, last week, and the days to follow at the Dover Air Force Base.

We are fortunate in this country to have so many heroes and heroines. As I speak some of them are working in the central part of the second smallest State in America.

I yield the floor and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

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AMENDMENTS NOS. 1577 AND 1578, EN BLOC

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator CAMPBELL and myself, I send two amendments to the desk and ask they be agreed to en bloc. They are a Campbell amendment for Senators FEINGOLD, GRASSLEY, and HARKIN regarding shipments of day-old poultry, and a Dorgan for Kohl amendment regarding information on foreign animal disease. I send the amendments to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], for Mr. CAMPBELL, for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HARKIN, proposes an amendment numbered 1577.

The Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], for Mr. KOHL, proposes an amendment numbered 1578.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendments are agreed to.

The amendments (Nos. 1577 and 1578) were agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1577

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 39.

Section 5402(d) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by—

(1) inserting “(1)” after “(d)”;

(2) inserting at the end the following:

“(2)(A) In the exercise of its authority under paragraph (1), the Postal Service may require any air carrier to accept as mail shipments of day-old poultry and such other live animals as postal regulations allow to be transmitted as mail matter. The authority of the Postal Service under this subparagraph shall not apply in the case of any air carrier who commonly and regularly refuses to accept any live animals as cargo.

“(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Postal Service is authorized to assess, as postage to be paid by the mailers of any shipments covered by subparagraph (A), a reasonable surcharge that the Postal Service determines in its discretion to be adequate to compensate air carriers for any necessary additional expense incurred in handling such shipments.

“(C) The authority of the Postal Service under subparagraph (B) shall apply during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this paragraph, and ending September 30, 2005.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 1578

(Purpose: To improve the collection of information relating to the introduction of foreign animal disease)

On page 26, after line 8 insert the following new section:

“SEC. . None of the funds appropriated or made available by this Act may be used for the production of Customs Declarations that do not inquire whether the passenger had been in the proximity of livestock.”

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1578

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I congratulate Senator DORGAN and Senator CAMPBELL, chairman and ranking member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, for their fine work in crafting the bill now before the Senate. I also thank them for accepting an amendment I have offered to help strengthen this country's safeguards against the possible introduction of foreign animal disease.

I serve as chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies, and we have given substantial attention to the ongoing problems of exotic pests and disease that have been introduced into this country over the years. Attention and concern for this problem has been heightened this past year with reports from the United Kingdom where outbreaks of foot and mouth disease have severely harmed the British economy and, in particular, rural areas in the British Isles. The U.S. livestock sector quickly realized the danger that the spread of foot and mouth disease, and similar infectious diseases, could reach our shores with equally devastating effect.

When Secretary Veneman testified before our subcommittee this spring, she told us that strong measures were in place to reduce the possibility that

foreign animal disease would come to America. The fact that to date no such outbreaks have occurred here speaks to the strength of those measures. However, such safeguards are only as strong as their weakest part.

Currently, all passengers coming to the United States on aircraft or by other means are required to complete Customs Declaration form 6059B which poses a set of questions about that individual's activities abroad. Included is a question which asks if the passenger is “bringing fruits, plants, meats, food, soil, birds, snails, other live animals, wildlife products, or have been on a farm or ranch outside the U.S.” If the passenger answers this question in the affirmative, he or she is likely to be referred to USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, APHIS, for further inquiry. Clearly, this question is designed to help provide the Customs Service with adequate information to know if a referral to APHIS is warranted or not.

I have every confidence that APHIS personnel who serve on the front line of this country's inspection force have the expertise and commitment to ask the right questions and take the right actions to safeguard against foreign pests and disease, such as Foot and Mouth Disease. However, current practice does not ensure that all overseas travelers who have been in the vicinity of diseased livestock will have received proper referral to the appropriate agencies. If a traveler did not visit a farm or ranch, for example, the Customs Service would not have the information necessary to make a proper referral to USDA. Still travelers in rural areas of certain countries, such as the UK may come in close contact with livestock either at county fairs, rural bed and breakfasts, on back country trails, or other settings that may not strike one as a “farm or ranch,” but may in fact pose the same level of risk.

My amendment simply requires that any new Customs declaration forms used for entry into the United States ask a question in a manner to alert the traveler to the fact that simply being in the proximity of livestock needs to be brought to the attention of Customs or USDA personnel due to the high risk of foreign borne disease. My amendment does not require the destruction of forms now in use. However, I understand that these forms are now in the process of being redrafted which, I believe, makes my amendment doubly timely. It is my further expectation that until such time that this change is actually put in place, Customs Service personnel will be provided guidance to sensitize them to making further verbal inquiry of travelers who have traveled in countries known to have infectious animal disease outbreaks to determine if they may have been in areas where a likelihood of infection was possible.

Again, my amendment is not lengthy, nor does it require much. However, I believe it will help

strengthen our Nation's defense against invasion by foreign animal disease. If the asking of one question prevents an outbreak of a devastating disease in America, it will certainly be a question worth asking.

FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL CUSTOMS INSPECTORS ON THE NORTHERN BORDER

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise to comment the managers of the Treasury, Postal appropriation bill, Chairman DORGAN and Ranking Member CAMPBELL, for including in their bill funds to increase the number of Customs officers stationed on our northern border. I particularly commend their foresight, which was confirmed by the tragic events of last week, and the suggestion that some of the terrorists may have entered the United States through ports of entry in my home State of Maine.

Mr. DORGAN. I thank the Senator from Maine for her kind words. The bill before us does indeed include \$25 million to fund a northern border hiring initiative. These funds would be used to hire approximately 285 additional Customs officers for our northern border.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Due to dramatic increases in land border traffic and trade with Canada coupled with only token increase in staffing in recent years, our ports of entry are woefully understaffed.

Ms. COLLINS. The situation in Maine is of particular concern to me. Ninety-eight Customs inspectors are currently stationed in my home State. Yet, according to a Customs Service resource allocation analysis based on threat and workload assessments, Maine should have 253 inspectors, or two-and-one-half times more than are currently there. Maine has 23 land border ports of entry, some of which are manned by a single inspector at any given point in time. Our Customs and Immigration and Naturalization Service inspectors work long and hard to protect the integrity of our border. But they need reinforcements.

I understand that the lack of Customs officials in Maine would not be ameliorated completely by this bill. But it, in conjunction with the \$25 million for additional Immigration and Naturalization Service inspectors included in the Senate-passed Commerce, Justice, State appropriations bill, would take a strong step in the right direction. And I ask the distinguished chairman and ranking member to help ensure that Maine receives its fair share of additional inspectors.

Mr. DORGAN. I assure the Senator from Maine that the Customs Service will be instructed to pay particular attention to the needs of Maine when assessing where to deploy these officers.

Mr. CAMPBELL. We appreciate the Senator bringing Maine's needs to our attention and fully intend to see those needs met, to the extent possible, through the funds appropriated by this bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 1574, AS MODIFIED

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, on behalf of Mr. JOHNSON, I ask unanimous consent to modify his amendment, which I offered earlier today on his behalf.

I ask unanimous consent that Senator SMITH of Oregon be added as an original cosponsor of the Johnson amendment.

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

The amendment (No. 1574), as modified, is as follows:

At the end of title VI, insert the following:
SEC. . (a) From funds made available by this or any other Act, the Secretary of the Treasury may provide for the administrative costs for the issuance of bonds, to be known as 'Unity Bonds', under section 3102 of title 31, United States Code, in response to the acts of terrorism perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001.

(b) If bonds described in subsection (a) are issued, such bonds shall be in such form and denominations, and shall be subject to such terms and conditions of issue, conversion, redemption, maturation, payment, and rate of interest as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to offer an amendment that authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to issue Unity Bonds in support of recovery and response efforts relating to the September 11, 2001, hijackings and attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center. This amendment is similar to legislation that I introduced last week, S. 1430. I was pleased that several of my Republican colleagues introduced similar bills because this is an initiative that should and must be bipartisan.

Unity Bonds will allow Americans who want to show their support for this great country to participate in a meaningful way. This amendment deserves full bipartisan support, and I look forward to working in a consensus fashion to make Unity Bonds available to all Americans.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator HUTCHINSON of Arkansas be added as a cosponsor to the McConnell amendment.

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

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, the ranking member, Senator CAMPBELL, and I have discussed the issue of the McConnell and Johnson amendments, both of which were offered this afternoon. We suggest the Senate approve both the Johnson and McConnell amendments. I ask unanimous consent that the Johnson amendment and the McConnell amendment be agreed to at this time. Let me be clear, I am asking consent that the McConnell amendment be agreed to as offered earlier today and that the Johnson amendment be agreed to as modified by the modification I sent to the desk a few moments ago.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, we have no objection. We support the amendments.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendments are agreed to.

The amendments (Nos. 1573 and 1574, as modified) were agreed to.

Mr. DORGAN. I move to reconsider the vote.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1579

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, on behalf of our colleague, Senator HOLLINGS, I send an amendment to the desk, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) for Mr. HOLLINGS proposes an amendment numbered 1579.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert:

DESIGNATION OF G. ROSS ANDERSON, JR. FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

(a) The Federal building and courthouse located at 315 S. McDuffie Street, Anderson, South Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "G. Ross Anderson, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

(b) Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building and courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the G. Ross Anderson, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, we have cleared the amendment. I believe my colleague from Colorado has cleared the amendment as well.

Mr. CAMPBELL. That is correct, Mr. President. We concur.

Mr. DORGAN. I urge its adoption.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the amendment? If not, the question is on agreeing to amendment No. 1579.

The amendment (No. 1579) was agreed to.

Mr. DORGAN. I move to reconsider the vote.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the list I will send to the desk be the only first-de-

gree amendments remaining in order to H.R. 2590, the Treasury-Postal appropriations bill; that these amendments be subject to relevant second-degree amendments; that upon disposition of all amendments, the bill be read a third time, and the Senate vote on passage of the bill; that upon passage the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the Houses, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with the above occurring with no intervening action or debate.

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

The list is as follows:

Bingaman: 1 GSA.
Byrd: 2 Relevant.
Byrd: Relevant to the list.
Clinton: September 11 Heroes Stamp Act.
Daschle: 2 Relevant.
Daschle: Relevant to the list.
Dorgan: Managers' amendments.
Dorgan: Relevant.
Dorgan: Relevant to list.
Feinstein: 1 Breast Cancer Stamp.
Feinstein: 2 Relevant.
Johnson: 1 Unity Bonds.
Kerry: OMB study of the funding of SBA programs.

Kohl: Customs declarations and livestock.
Reid: Relevant.
Reid: Relevant to the list.
Schumer: 3 Relevant.
Hollings: SC facility.
Specter: 2 Relevant.
McConnell: War bonds.
Shelby: 1 Relevant.
Hatch: Drugs/Utah.
Hatch: 2 Relevant.
Lott: 2 Relevant.
Lott: 2 Relevant to list.
Campbell: Relevant.
Nickles: 2 Relevant to list.
Domenici: 2 Relevant to list.

Mr. DORGAN. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DORGAN. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, we have a finite list of amendments that would be offered to this bill, H.R. 2590, the Treasury-Postal appropriations. As I look through the list, I see a fair number of amendments that will not, in fact, be offered. There are a number we will be accepting. I say, if there are Senators who have amendments on this list, come to the floor to offer them. It would be our hope to move to third reading this evening. My expectation is we do not have a final vote on the bill today. We would likely do that Friday morning—of course at the discretion of the leader.

In order to finish the amendments and get to third reading, we need those who wish to offer their amendments to come to the floor and do so. We have been on the floor since 10 this morning. We know there are Members who have indicated to the respective Cloakrooms

they have amendments, and they are properly on the list we have asked consent for, but in order to have amendments considered, Senators have to come to the floor and actually offer them.

I ask Senators and their staffs who might be monitoring these proceedings to call the Cloakroom if they can regarding their amendments because we would like to go to third reading.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, Senator CAMPBELL and I have been talking about the list we have presented that makes certain amendments in order and available to be offered. It is a very small list. In fact, with the exception of being able to approve a number of items on this list, I believe there are only two Senators remaining who have yet to come to the floor and offer amendments on which they are protected on the list. We ask them to do that. It is now 10 minutes before 7 in the evening. Those Senators would have had notice all day that we have been working on this bill. And, frankly, the Senate has been in a quorum call much of the day.

Senator CAMPBELL and I encourage those Senators who still have amendments they may wish to offer to either come and offer them or perhaps call us and notify us that they will not be offering those amendments, at which point we could go to third reading.

My understanding from leadership is that we will not be going to a final vote tonight. Perhaps this will require a rollcall vote. It is not certain at this moment. But, in any event, to get to third reading, we need to clear these amendments. I believe there are only two Senators for whom we are waiting. If they intend to offer the amendments, we hope they are on their way to the floor or that their staffs will find them and get them to the floor of the Senate so they can do that. If they are deciding not to offer those amendments, please notify us. We want to go to third reading.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, to our knowledge, we have only two Senators on our side who said they have an amendment they want to offer. We are on the phone now to try to get them down here. But I think if we can get them down here quickly, we will be able to finish this bill by Friday.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, if, in fact, there is a way to get to third reading, and then do a voice vote on final passage, of course we would prefer to do that as well. My expectation is we will have a recorded vote on the conference report when it comes back from the conference, but I do not know

that that has yet been cleared. My understanding was that a voice vote had not been cleared some while ago.

In any event, if we can finish the amendments and get to third reading, it will have represented, in my judgment, significant progress. This is a fairly sizeable appropriations bill. The ability to do this bill today on the floor of the Senate would, I think, signal to the American people that this is a new seriousness of purpose in the Senate. We want to obviously do our business, and do it the right way, but we want to express to the American people that we are willing to work together and get things done.

This country suffers from a pretty serious crisis as a result of the terrorist acts. We want to demonstrate to the American people that we can go back to work and we can get this work done in an expeditious way.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be a short period of morning business.

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

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1438

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I understand that S. 1438, the Department of Defense authorization bill which I introduced a few minutes ago, is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1438) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I object. And the reasons for the objection are as follows: That in consultation with the Republican leader, in consultation with the majority whip, and in consultation with the chairman, the chairman is seeking to have this piece of legislation be considered under rule XIV. We have no objection to that, but for technical reasons the objection to the second reading is required. It should not be interpreted—my objection—as animosity or anything be-

tween the chairman and myself. It is just part of the procedure, arcane though it may be.

So I object to second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

The Senator from Michigan.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1439

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I understand that S. 1439, the Ballistic Missile Defense Act of 2001, which I introduced a few minutes ago, is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1439) to provide and revise conditions and requirements for the ballistic missile defense programs, and for other purposes.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I object for the same reasons as I stated under S. 1438.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002—Continued

AMENDMENT NO. 1583

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I send to the desk, on behalf of my colleagues Senator CLINTON, Senator SCHUMER, Senator DORGAN, Senator WARNER, and others, an amendment and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], for Mrs. CLINTON, for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. HELMS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CHAFFEE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. WARNER, proposes an amendment numbered 1583.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.