

: *Provided further*, That the Coordinator should seek to ensure that an appropriate percent of the budget for prevention and treatment programs of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is made available to support technical assistance to ensure the quality of such programs

SA 2020. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. FEINGOLD) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2800, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 147, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

RESPONSIBLE JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION
MECHANISMS IN CENTRAL AFRICA

SEC. 692. (a) Of the funds appropriated under title II under the heading "ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND", \$12,000,000 should be made available to support the development of responsible justice and reconciliation mechanisms in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, and Uganda, including programs to increase awareness of gender-based violence and improve local capacity to prevent and respond to such violence.

SA 2021. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2800, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 77, beginning on line 20, strike "not to exceed \$3,000,000 may be made available to nongovernmental organizations to support activities which preserve cultural traditions and promote sustainable development and environmental conservation in Tibetan communities in the Tibetan Autonomous Region and in other Tibetan communities in China;" and insert "not to exceed \$4,000,000 shall be provided to nongovernmental organizations to support activities which preserve cultural traditions and promote sustainable development and environmental conservation in Tibetan communities in the Tibetan Autonomous Region and in other Tibetan communities in China, of which up to \$3,000,000 may be made available for the Bridge Fund of the Rockefeller Philanthropic Advisors to support such activities:"

SA 2022. Mr. REID (for Mr. LEAHY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2800, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 53, line 21, strike "\$8,898,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: \$898,000

On page 55, line 26, strike "\$314,550,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: \$322,550,000

SA 2023. Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2800, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. The Secretary of State should make publicly available prices paid to pur-

chase HIV/AIDS pharmaceuticals, antiviral therapies, and other appropriate medicines, including medicines to treat opportunistic infections, for the treatment of people with HIV/AIDS and the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS in developing counties—

(1) through the use of funds appropriated under this Act; and

(2) to the extent available, by—

(A) the World Health Organization; and
(B) the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria.

SA 2024. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. LEAHY)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2800, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 22, strike line 3 and insert the following:

ACTIVITIES TO COMBAT HIV/AIDS GLOBALLY
FUND

On page 22, line 10, insert "except for the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 (117 Stat. 711; 22 U.S.C. 7601 et seq.) as amended by section 692 of this Act," after "law."

On page 74, line 22, insert "except for the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 (117 Stat. 711; 22 U.S.C. 7601 et seq.) as amended by section 692 of this Act" before the colon.

On page 147, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following new section:

ASSISTANCE FOR HIV/AIDS

SEC. 692. The United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 (117 Stat. 711; 22 U.S.C. 7601 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 202(d)(4)(A), by adding at the end the following new clause:

"(vi) for the purposes of clause (i), 'funds contributed to the Global Fund from all sources' means funds contributed to the Global Fund at any time during fiscal years 2004 through 2008 that are not contributed to fulfill a commitment made for a fiscal year prior to fiscal year 2004.";

(2) in section 202(d)(4)(B), by adding at the end the following new clause:

"(iv) Notwithstanding clause (i), after July 1 of each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2008, any amount made available under this subsection that is withheld by reason of subparagraph (A)(i) is authorized to be made available to carry out sections 104A, 104B, and 104C of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (as added by title III of this Act)."; and

(3) in section 301(f), by inserting ", except that this subsection shall not apply to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria or to any United Nations voluntary agency" after "trafficking".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. on dietary supplements.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, at 10:15 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iran: Security Threats & U.S. Policy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, at 10 a.m. on "Judiciary Nominations," in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

Agenda:

Panel I: Senators.

Panel II: Claude A. Allen to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Panel III: Mark R. Filip to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. in room 301 Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a confirmation hearing on four Presidential nominees to the Election Assistance Commission.

The nominees are Paul S. DeGregorio (R) of Missouri, 2 year term; Gracia M. Hillman (D) of the District of Columbia, 2 year term; Deforest "Buster" Soaries (R) of New Jersey, 4 year term; and Raymundo Martinez III (D) of Texas, 4 year term.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator MIKULSKI, I ask unanimous consent that Lesley Werthamer, a State Department fellow in her office, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of the foreign operations bill, H.R. 2800.

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

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Michael Mattler, a detailee from the State Department to the Foreign Relations Committee staff be granted floor privileges during consideration of this amendment.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Darcy Zotter, a fellow on my staff, be allowed the privilege of the floor during debate on this bill.

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Daniela Ligiero, a fellow in Senator BINGAMAN's office, be granted the privileges

of the floor for the pendency of the foreign operations appropriations bill.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT
AGREEMENT—S. 1753

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the majority leader, after consultation with the Democratic leader, but not before November 3, may turn to the consideration of S. 1753, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, and that it be considered under the following limitation:

The only first-degree amendments be the following and that they be subject to relevant second-degree amendments, provided that where the term "relevant" is used for a first-degree amendment it be construed to mean anything related to, pertaining to, or dealing with the subject matter contained in either the Senate or House bill, or the substitute amendment; textual reference is not required.

The amendments are: CANTWELL, ID theft; CORZINE, financial institutions to notify FTC of consumer data breach; DAYTON, national information sharing standards; DURBIN, student loan payment reporting; two by FEINGOLD: buy American and data mining reporting; KOHL, student loans credit reporting; two by Senator SCHUMER: debit card fee disclosure, economic policy; Senator NELSON of Florida, disposal of consumer financial records; Senators LINCOLN and PRYOR of Arkansas, usury limit; three relevant amendments by Senator FEINSTEIN; three amendments by Senator BOXER: consumer protection from false affiliate information sharing, right to know what affiliates your company can share information with, and tightening opt-out marketing loopholes; Senators SHELBY and SARBANES, a substitute amendment; relevant amendments by Senator BROWNBACK and Senator SPECTER; Senator MURKOWSKI, sharing confidential information; Senator SARBANES, two relevant amendments; Senator SHELBY, two relevant amendments; that upon the disposition of these amendments, the bill be read the third time and H.R. 2622, the House companion, be discharged from the Banking Committee and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration; that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 1753, as amended, be substituted in lieu thereof; the bill be read the third time, and the Senate vote on final passage of the bill, with the preceding all occurring without any intervening action or debate; further, that upon disposition of the House bill, S. 1753 be returned to the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is this objection?

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if I can just say this prior to the consent being entered into the RECORD, we have a number of amendments. It sounds like a lot. I have spoken to the chairman and ranking member of the committee, in-

dicating that I am not sure all of the amendments on this side will even be offered. For example, Senator FEINGOLD thinks these will be accepted. If they are not, he will take a 10-minute time agreement.

I think we can move through these amendments quite rapidly. As I think everybody knows at this stage, the vast majority of the Senate favors this legislation. I think we should acknowledge that this agreement was reached with some effort today as a result of the advocacy of the Senators from California. They did not want this matter to be brought up this week because the fires are raging as we speak in California. They are both scheduled to go out there sometime this week. It would have been terribly inconvenient.

I appreciate everyone's cooperation. The majority and Senators on this side had other amendments they wanted to offer. But understanding the difficulty and the problems in California at this stage, we arrived at a point where I think it is fair to everybody.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I certainly hope my friend from Nevada is correct, because it does list 25 amendments. I share his hope and expectations that many of those will disappear and we will be able to deal with this legislation, which is widely supported by an overwhelming majority of the Senate, in relatively rapid fashion.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT
AGREEMENT—H.R. 2800

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate resumes consideration of the foreign operations appropriations bill on Wednesday, tomorrow, Senator DORGAN be immediately recognized in order to offer an amendment related to the September 11 commission. I further ask unanimous consent that there be 40 minutes equally divided in relation to the amendment and that at the expiration of time I or my designee be recognized in order to make a point of order against the amendment; further, that Senator DORGAN then be recognized in order to move to suspend rule XVI with respect to his amendment. I finally ask unanimous consent that the Senate then proceed immediately to a vote on the motion to suspend. I also ask consent that following that vote the Senate then proceed to consideration of H.R. 1904, the Healthy Forests legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object, I, along with Senator LEAHY and others on this side, are terribly disappointed that the action on the Dorgan amendment tomorrow will bring to a close, at least at this stage, further action on this most important appropriations bill. My memory could be wrong, but not too wrong, that in the past we have moved through this bill

pretty quickly. The Senator from Kentucky has been involved in this for a long time, as either the ranking member or chairman of this subcommittee. I think he and Senator LEAHY, who has been involved with this for many years, have done an outstanding job.

There is one issue that has held this up and that is getting more money for global AIDS. The President supports this effort to get more money for global AIDS, and I am disappointed he and his people have not weighed in more on this, although knowing the Senator who is wanting to slow this down, does not want this to move forward, I am not sure what good it would do for anyone to talk to him knowing what an advocate he is and how strongly he feels about things.

The point I am making is I think we should have a vote on this, whatever it takes, and move on. On this side, I think everyone would have to acknowledge we have cooperated on these appropriations bills, but we cannot go to other appropriations bills when we have an appropriations bill that is on the floor and somebody finds a tough vote. It is not right. We in good faith have had our Members not offer various amendments. We have been very discrete in the amendments we have offered, and I would hope the night will bring more understanding to this most important issue of global AIDS.

It is not going to go away. It will appear on this bill or some other bill. I know my friend from Kentucky has worked very hard for hours today trying to move forward. This is his bill. Again, I express my concern and disappointment but have no objection to the unanimous consent agreement that has been suggested.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The unanimous consent request is agreed to.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if I may state briefly on the issue of funding of global AIDS, I think it is important to remind our colleagues it was the President who recommended \$15 billion over 5 years to attack this global public health crisis. Even without enacting amendments that go above the budget, the \$2 billion that is in this appropriations bill and another appropriations bill that has already cleared the Senate—between the two bills, \$2 billion—provides for the administration, even if we are unable through this process at some point this year to provide additional appropriations, to spend all the money that the administration feels it can usefully spend in the first year of the 5-year commitment. This Senator has no doubt that the full \$15 billion over 5 years will be appropriated to address this huge public health crisis.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—
H.R. 7

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 7, the charitable choice