

bill forward despite the President's plan. Senator ENZI's unwavering commitment in this area is unparalleled. I hope that the administration understands that our decision to make this the first major piece of education legislation that we take up this Congress is reflective of our unwavering commitment to career and technical education. We will not let this program fall by the wayside. Perkins will not be eliminated.

We often hear the pledge that we will leave no child behind. May I suggest that we also make every effort to ensure that we leave no career and technical education student behind? Passage of these important provisions today will go a long way toward ensuring that career and vocational education students are not left behind in the classroom, that they are being held to high academic standards, that their teachers are provided with the training they need to keep up to date with the latest industry needs, and that high schools, industry and higher education work seamlessly together to provide our workforce with the skills that they need to maintain America's economic dominance in the 21st century.

Career and vocational programs are an essential part of keeping students in school and helping our Nation train its workforce. I am confident that this bill will go a long way in helping another generation of Americans succeed, and, in doing so, strengthen our economy.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I will be glad to yield back my time.

Mr. ENZI. I yield back my time.

Mr. KENNEDY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the committee substitute is adopted and the bill will be read a third time.

The committee amendment, in the nature of a substitute, was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. ENZI. 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. ENZI. 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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.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. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the next series of votes begin at 4:30 p.m. today.

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

Mr. ENZI. For the information of my colleagues, the next vote, which will begin at 4:30 p.m., will be on passage of the Perkins vocational education bill which was just debated, to be followed

by a series of rollcall votes on the remaining amendments to the bankruptcy bill, to be followed by final passage. That means there could be up to seven rollcall votes in this next series of consecutive rollcall votes. Once again, we urge Members to stay close to the Chamber during these votes to avoid missing any.

I yield the floor and 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. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

BANKRUPTCY ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2005—Continued

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak in favor of S. 256, the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, and to thank all of the people who made this bill possible. This bankruptcy bill has been a long time coming. We all know how bankruptcy claims have skyrocketed since the last major bankruptcy reform bill in 1978. We all know about the abuses of the system.

Well, that is about to change for the better. This bill is about fairness and accountability. We have made some important changes in this legislation. This bill contains a debtor's bill of rights with new protections that prevent bad actors from preying upon the uninformed.

The bill also includes new consumer protections under the Truth in Lending Act, such as new required disclosures regarding minimum monthly payments and introductory rates for credit cards. It protects consumers from unscrupulous creditors, with new penalties on creditors who refuse to negotiate reasonable payment schedules outside of bankruptcy.

S. 256 provides for protection of educational savings accounts, and it gives equal protection for retirement savings in bankruptcy. It helps women and children by providing a comprehensive set of protections for child and domestic support throughout the bankruptcy process.

This legislation dramatically revises the reaffirmation agreement provisions of the Code. It imposes critical disclosure requirements that will put a stop to abusive practices. It makes the provisions relating to farmers in chapter 12 permanent and broadens its provisions. It cleans up the law governing complex exchanges and thereby reduces systemic risk in our marketplace. It acts to stop abuse.

When this bill hit the floor on Monday, February 28, I mentioned that we were in the last leg of a legislative marathon. The finish line is finally in sight. I am pleased to have been a part

of this process and I am even more pleased we are able to pass this important legislation, and I anticipate that it will pass shortly. This bill has been a long time in development. I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish. Today it seems it is finally going to cross the finish line, and it is well worth it.

This bill may not lead to a severe reduction in the number of bankruptcies. I believe, though, that it will reduce the number of fraudulent and abusive filings and help educate consumers to keep their financial houses in order. This is always an important goal. No responsible society can long countenance the open flouting and abuse of its laws.

This bill, with its means test, will discourage such abusive filings by restricting access to chapter 7 liquidation by those with relatively high incomes. We should all stand behind a law that requires people with the ability to repay their debts to actually repay those debts.

Most of our debate on this bill has focused around the means test. There is no doubt that this will discourage some bankruptcy filings, but I also hope our credit counseling provisions will work to persuade even some low-income debtors that there is another way out.

Right now, too many are only hearing one part of the story: Declare bankruptcy. Liquidate your debts. Some attorneys pushing this line, however, leave out the part about the years of ruined credit that result, the inability to get a car loan or a house loan. My hope is our modest credit counseling provisions will persuade some people to stay out of bankruptcy and meet their obligations, do what is right, and keep their credit alive.

While a great majority of Senators support this bill, I know not all of my colleagues are pleased. Last night my friend from Massachusetts, Senator KENNEDY, again voiced his strong opposition to this legislation. This was probably clear from my response. I vehemently disagree with his opinions about this bill, but I hope he understands that we are trying our best.

Could we have done better? I have no doubt about that, not for a second, but I also know this bill has benefitted from some of Senator KENNEDY's suggestions over the years. We have not ignored him, and I hope he understands we appreciate his participation.

I also understand some of my colleagues feel that they may not have been treated fairly in this process. My desire throughout this process, and the desire of my colleagues who supported this bill, was always to act as an honest broker who took the suggestions of the other side with appropriate seriousness. I understand the frustration from some on the other side at the inability to get amendments agreed to or considered on the floor, but I hope they in turn can understand that we have tried our best on this side to balance all of the competing interests in this body

while also trying to get this very important bill done.

In particular, I think we could have done a better job of working through the technical amendments offered by Senator FEINGOLD. Truth be told, I do not think all of these amendments were merely technical amendments. Be that as it may, Senator FEINGOLD had a right to submit his amendments at the committee and then on the floor. Perhaps the consideration of the Feingold amendments would have been more complete if we had all focused on these proposals earlier in this debate. I fully respect the right of the distinguished Senator from Wisconsin to offer his amendments, even if we know he is opposing the underlying bill, which he always has. Getting all the parties on board is an uphill climb.

I was given the assignment by Chairman SPECTER to try to get this bill reported by the last recess. We accomplished that goal. In that process, I know Senator FEINGOLD feels he did not get a fair hearing in the committee. I hope the final outcome today persuades him otherwise.

For my part, I instructed my staff to meet with the staff of the distinguished Senator from Wisconsin after the markup. Our staffs met on a number of subsequent occasions. We were able to work out several agreements. Frankly, I was sympathetic to several features of other of his amendments. As we all recognize, proposing an amendment is much easier than getting an agreement on an amendment. I want him to know that we tried.

In discussions with the sponsor of the bill, Senator GRASSLEY, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Senator SPECTER, our leadership, Senator SESSIONS, who has played a significant role on this bill and others, we had to make a number of determinations over what amendments to support and what to exclude from the bill. These were not easy decisions, and sometimes they had to be made in conjunction with leaders in the House of Representatives, which is not unusual. We do try to work with them, if we can. In this case, I think we have been working with them.

We could not accept all of Senator FEINGOLD's amendments. I think he probably knows that, too. Our staffs made the effort to work through both the substance and the politics of the issues, and these consultations have borne some fruit. That is important to state, because I do not want my colleague to feel badly or feel he has not been treated fairly. I wish we could have found still more common ground, but after consulting with and facilitating consultations between Senator FEINGOLD's staff and my staff and other Senate staff, we at least made some progress.

I thank and congratulate Senator GRASSLEY, the prime sponsor of this bill over the last 8 years. He has worked extraordinarily hard on this bill. It has been a long time in coming. My hat, as usual, is off to him. Senator

SESSIONS is another Senator whose hard work made this possible. We all appreciate his work in the committee and on the floor during the last few weeks.

I would also thank the majority leader, Senator FRIST, and the majority whip, Senator MCCONNELL, and the chairman of the Judiciary Committee for their efforts on behalf of this legislation. Chairman SPECTER has been here working hard for the people of Pennsylvania only days after his cancer treatments, and that is not easy to do, and certainly not easy since he has a continuation of those treatments. He is a heroic figure, in my eyes, for the way he has handled himself in this very difficult time.

I must also thank Chairman SHELBY, and Senator SARBANES of the Banking Committee. We all know how vital the Banking Committee was to this process. We could not have gotten this done without their help.

I believe that several Senators from across the aisle deserve recognition as well. I want to once again thank the Minority Leader, Senator REID, and the Minority Whip, Senator DURBIN, for helping to move this bill through the Senate.

Senators BIDEN and CARPER have worked tirelessly for years on this legislation, and they have taken some tough votes to get it done. Senator NELSON from Nebraska has also shown great resolve and deserves recognition for his efforts, particularly with respect to the provisions affecting farmers. Senator JOHNSON has also been committed to this legislation and I thank him.

No thank you list would be complete without the Senator from Vermont. My dear friend Senator LEAHY and I have not always agreed on every aspect of this legislation, but we have worked hard to make it better. Senator LEAHY developed two important amendments that were accepted. Similarly, Senator FEINGOLD—who has been an ardent opponent of this legislation—has nevertheless dedicated himself to improving it. I have enjoyed working with him, and several other Democratic members of the Judiciary Committee over the years—including Senators FEINSTEIN, KOHL, KENNEDY, SCHUMER and DURBIN—to get this bill done.

I would also like to take a moment to thank all of the staff who worked so hard to make this happen. I know that several of them—on both sides of the aisle—have not seen their significant others in weeks. We owe them a great debt of gratitude. If my colleagues would permit me, I would like to name a few of them.

I think the record should reflect that Rene Augustine, a former counsel now at home with her new-born child, and Makan Delrahim and Manus Cooney, both former Judiciary Committee Chief Counsels, worked for years on this legislation and it would not have been possible but for their efforts. Similarly, John McMickle, a former

staffer of Senator GRASSLEY who worked on this bill while he was in the Senate, has taken an enormous amount of time away from his young children to help on this project.

For staff who still work here, I think that Senator GRASSLEY's chief counsel, Rita Lari-Jochum, should be singled out for her hard work and dedication to this bill. She has helped manage this process over the last several weeks, and she has done a fantastic job. Similarly, Mike O'Neill, Judiciary Committee Chief Counsel, and Harold Kim, Chief Civil Counsel, have done an outstanding job—as have the whole Judiciary team. There are several new counsels in that office that were thrown into the crucible in their starting weeks. First with class action, and now with bankruptcy. The record should reflect the professionalism and excellence with which Ivy Johnson, Tim Strachan, Ryan Triplette, Hannibal Kemmerer, and Nathan Morris have conducted themselves. They are a fantastic group.

In Senator SESSIONS office, no one could overlook his chief counsel, William Smith, or his deputy chief counsel Cindy Hayden. Amy Blakenship and Wendy Fleming also with Senator SESSIONS, did a great job as well. They all did wonderful job.

In the Majority Leader and Majority Whip's office, Eric Ueland, Sharon Soderstrom, and Allen Hicks led the team. John Abegg in Senator MCCONNELL's office, proud father of a baby girl born on the day this bill hit the floor, nevertheless managed to get the job done. Kyle Simmons, Brian Lewis, and Malloy McDaniel all worked vigorously to plan and manage the strategy and votes on amendments. Stephen Duffield and his team at the R.P.C. has also provided timely and accurate information on the bill on a daily, and when needed, hourly, basis.

As my colleagues all know, the Banking Committee played an important role in this process. Senator SHELBY is fortunate to have people like Kathy Casey, Doug Nappi and Mark Oesterle working for him.

I would also like to thank the House Judiciary Committee staff—they have been an invaluable resource and we would not have been able to get this done without them. As always, Phil Kiko provided a steady hand steering important legislation. Susan Jensen is a treasure trove of information and she has devoted herself to this endeavor. Stephanie Moore and Perry Applebaum of Representative CONYER's office, I am sure will help the legislation move through the House.

The hardworking people in the legislative counsel's office have also undertaken a Herculean effort and flourished in the process. I believe that 125 amendments were filed on this bill, and that does not include the 50 or so that we had in Committee. That is a lot of drafting of complex legislation and we all owe Bill Jensen, Matt McGhie and Amy Gaynor our thanks for their contributions during this long trip. I

would add Bob Schiff of Senator FEINGOLD's staff, who worked to make this a better bill. It is a pleasure to work with him and he is someone we respect. I wish we could have done more for him and his great boss. We have done the best we can.

Finally, on my own staff, Bruce Artim, Kevin O'Scannlain, Perry Barber and Brendan Dunn all worked very hard on this legislation.

My personal executive assistant, Ruth Montoya, has put up with an awful lot over these last few weeks, and I appreciate her as well as my chief of staff Trish Knight, and Susan Cobb and the many others who literally have worked so hard to help me over these last several weeks—frankly, over the last many years. I know there are many others I have not been able to recognize, and they should all know what a wonderful job I believe they have done. I believe we have an important achievement with this bill, and I think it is only a matter of time until we get this bill passed on the floor, which will be a good end.

Mr. President, the bankruptcy legislation cures some abuses in the Bankruptcy Code regarding executory contracts and unexpired leases.

One provision, Section 404(a) of the bill, amends Section 365(d)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code. Presently, Section 365(d)(4) provides a retail debtor 60 days to decide whether to assume or reject its lease. A bankruptcy judge may extend this deadline for cause—and therein is the problem. Some experts believe that too many bankruptcy judges have allowed this exception essentially to eliminate any notion of a reasonable and firm deadline on a retail debtor's decision to assume or reject a lease. Some bankruptcy judges have been extending this deadline for months and years, often to the date of confirmation of a plan.

This situation can be troublesome. For example, a shopping center operator is a compelled creditor. It has little if any choice but to continue to provide space and services to the debtor in bankruptcy. Yet, the current Code permits a retail debtor as long as years to decide what it will do with its leases. Coupled with the increased use of bankruptcy by retail chains, the Bankruptcy Code is seen by some to be tipped unfairly against the shopping center operator.

Some stores curtail their operations or go dark, and still the lessor cannot regain control of its space.

This legislation, like the conference report in the last two Congresses, acts to curb this abuse. It imposes a firm deadline on a retail debtor's decision to assume or reject a lease. It permits a bankruptcy trustee to assume or reject a lease on a date which is the earlier of the date of confirmation of a plan or the date which is 120 days after the date of the order for relief. A further extension of time may be granted, within the 120 day period, for an additional 90 days, for cause, upon motion

of the trustee or lessor. Any subsequent extension can only be granted by the judge upon the prior written consent of the lessor: either by the lessor's motion for an extension, or by a motion of the trustee, provided that the trustee has the prior written approval of the lessor. This is important. We are limiting the bankruptcy judges' discretion to grant extensions of the time for the retail debtor to decide whether to assume or reject a lease after a maximum possible period of 210 days from the date of entry of the order of relief. Beyond that maximum period, there is no authority in the judge to grant further time unless the lessor has agreed in writing to the extension.

Retail debtors filing for bankruptcy will undoubtedly factor into their plans this new deadline. Most retail chains undertake a careful review of their financial condition and business outlook before they file for bankruptcy. They will already have an understanding of which leases are ones they wish to assume and which ones they wish to dispose of. The legislation gives them an additional 120 days to decide on what to do with their leases, once they file for bankruptcy. Beyond that 120 day time period, an additional 90 days can be granted for cause. A further extension may be negotiated by the retail debtor and the lessor if circumstances warrant, and any such extension can be granted by a judge only with prior written consent of the lessor. Further, a lessor's prior written approval of one such extension does not constitute approval for any further extensions—each such extension beyond the 210-day period requires the lessor's prior written approval.

The bill in Section 404(b) also amends Section 365(f)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code to make sure that all of the provisions of Section 365(b) of the code are adhered to and that 365(f) of the code does not override Section 365(b).

This addresses another problem under the Bankruptcy Code. The bill helps clarify that an owner should be able to retain control over the mix of retail uses in a shopping center. When an owner enters into a use clause with a retail tenant forbidding assignments of the lease for a use different than that specified in the lease, that clause should be honored. Congress has so intended already, but bankruptcy judges have sometimes ignored the law.

Congress made clear, in Section 365(b)(1) and 365(f)(2)(B), that the trustee may assume or assign an executory contract or unexpired lease of the debtor, only if the trustee gives adequate assurance of future performance under the contract or lease.

In Section 365(b)(3), Congress provided that for purposes of the Bankruptcy Code:

adequate assurance of future performance of a lease of real property in a shopping center includes adequate assurance—

(A) of the source of rent and other consideration due under such lease, and in the case of an assignment, that the financial condi-

tion and operating performance of the proposed assignee and its guarantors, if any, shall be similar to the financial condition and operating performance of the debtor and its guarantors, if any, as of the time the debtor became the lessee under the lease;

(B) that any percentage rent due under such lease will not decline substantially;

(C) that assumption or assignment of such lease is subject to all provisions thereof, including (but not limited to) provisions such as a radius, location, use, or exclusivity provision, and will not breach any such provision contained in any other lease, financing agreement, or master agreement relating to such shopping center; and

(D) that assumption or assignment of such lease will not disrupt any tenant mix or balance in such shopping center.

Congress added these provisions to the Code in recognition that a shopping center should be allowed to protect its own integrity as an ongoing business enterprise, notwithstanding the bankruptcy of some of its retail tenants. A shopping center operator, for example, must be given broad leeway to determine the mix of retail tenants it leases to. Congress decided that use or similar restrictions in a retail lease, which the retailer cannot evade under nonbankruptcy law, should not be evaded in bankruptcy.

It is my understanding that some bankruptcy judges have not followed this Congressional mandate. Under another provision of the Code, Section 365(f), a number of bankruptcy judges have misconstrued the Code and allowed the assignment of a lease even though terms of the lease are not being followed. This appears to ignore Section 365(b)(3).

For example, if a shopping center's lease with an educational retailer requires that the premises shall be used solely for the purpose of conducting the retail sale of educational items, as the lease in the *In re Simon Property Group, LP v. Learningsmith, Inc.* (D. Mass. 2000) case provided, then the lessor has a right to insist on adherence to this use clause, even if the retailer files for bankruptcy. The clause is fully enforceable if the retailer is not in a bankruptcy proceeding, and the retailer or the bankruptcy trustee or judge should not be able to evade it in bankruptcy. Otherwise, the shopping centers operator could lose control over the nature of its business.

In the *Learningsmith* case, the judge allowed the assignment of the lease to a candle retailer because it offered more money than an educational store to buy the lease, in contravention of Section 365(b)(3) of the Code. As a result, the lessor lost control over the nature of its very business, operating a particular mix of retail stores. If other retailers file for bankruptcy in that shopping center, the same result can occur.

In the past, courts have disagreed about whether Section 365(f) overrides the provisions of Section 365(b)(3). For example, in the case of *In re Rickles Home Ctrs., Inc.*, 240 B.R. (D.Del. 1999), appeal dismissed, 209 F.3d 291 (3d Cir.), cert. denied, 531 U.S. 873 (2000), the

judge disregarded the use clause and allowed a lease sale to go through to a non-conforming user. However, in *In re Trak Auto Corp.*, 367 F.3d 237 (4th Cir. 2004), an appellate court held that a use clause must be strictly enforced under Section 365(b)(3) on sale of the lease, notwithstanding Section 365(f). This legislation provides the necessary clarity by amending Section 365(f)(1) to help make clear it operates subject to all provisions of Section 365(b).

I note that Section 365(d)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code applies to cases under any chapter of Title 11. Language to that effect in the current Code's Section 365(d)(4) is deleted because it is repetitive of Sections 103(a) and 901 of the Code, which already make clear that provisions like Section 365(d)(4) apply to all cases under Title 11.

This bill creates new legal protections for a large class of retirement savings in bankruptcy. This measure has widespread support from a long list of groups, ranging from the American Association of Retired Persons, to the Small Business Council of America and the National Council on Teacher Retirement.

Let me take this opportunity to point out that the assets of some pension plans already are protected from bankruptcy proceedings. The United States Supreme Court has ruled in *Patterson v. Shumate*, reported at 504 U.S. 753 (1992), that assets of pension plans which have, and are required by law to have, anti-alienation provisions, are excluded from bankruptcy estates.

Let me be absolutely clear that this provision is not intended in any way to diminish the protections offered under existing law and under the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Patterson v. Shumate*, but rather, is intended to provide protection to other retirement plans and accounts not currently protected.

Mr. President, this has been a battle, there is no question about it, like all hotly contested issues are. But I think virtually everybody has contributed, and we have had some tough times on the floor. We have had even some bad feelings from time to time. But we have been at this for 8 solid, difficult years. It is unfortunate we could not work out more amendments, also, but we couldn't and still have this bill pass, hopefully for the last time. We worked in good faith to try to do that.

For those who feel they have not been treated as fairly as I would certainly have wanted to treat them or I feel I have treated them and others as well have treated them, we feel bad about that and hope they will forgive us for not being able to make some of the changes that perhaps we would have made had this been the first year of this bill and we didn't have the difficulty of meeting the suggestions of our friends over in the other body.

We think they have done a terrific job. The people in the House of Representatives are tremendous leaders,

from Chairman SENSENBRENNER right on through the whole Judiciary Committee and, of course, the leadership over in the House as well and others who are not on the Judiciary Committee but are concerned about this very important bill. They work closely with us. It is difficult for them and it is difficult for us, but that is the way these two bodies ought to work together, and this bill is a perfect illustration of what can happen if good people can get together, compromise on some of these issues that can be compromised, and yet stand firmly so we can pass legislation like this that will benefit the whole country.

In my final remarks, let me recognize the efforts of Ed Pagano and Bruce Cohen of Senator LEAHY's office and Jim Flug and Jeff Teitz of Senator KENNEDY's office for all the hard work they have done over the years on this issue as well. It is a pleasure to work with staff on the Judiciary Committee. They are bright. They are articulate. They are brilliant, as a matter of fact. That is what you want in Judiciary Committee staffers. I wish those on the minority side would not be nearly as tough as they are, but I respect them for being that way.

With that, 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. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

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

CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Shall the bill pass? The yeas and nays have been ordered, and the clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) is necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 99, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 43 Leg.]

YEAS—99

Akaka	Burns	Corzine
Alexander	Burr	Craig
Allard	Byrd	Crapo
Allen	Cantwell	Dayton
Baucus	Carper	DeMint
Bayh	Chafee	DeWine
Bennett	Chambliss	Dodd
Biden	Coburn	Dole
Bingaman	Cochran	Domenici
Bond	Coleman	Dorgan
Boxer	Collins	Durbin
Brownback	Conrad	Ensign
Bunning	Cornyn	Enzi

Feingold	Lautenberg	Rockefeller
Feinstein	Leahy	Salazar
Frist	Levin	Santorum
Graham	Lieberman	Sarbanes
Grassley	Lincoln	Schumer
Gregg	Lott	Sessions
Hagel	Lugar	Shelby
Harkin	Martinez	Smith
Hatch	McCain	Snowe
Hutchison	McConnell	Specter
Inhofe	Mikulski	Stabenow
Inouye	Murkowski	Stevens
Isakson	Murray	Sununu
Jeffords	Nelson (FL)	Talent
Johnson	Nelson (NE)	Thomas
Kennedy	Obama	Thune
Kerry	Pryor	Vitter
Kohl	Reed	Voinovich
Kyl	Reid	Warner
Landriau	Roberts	Wyden

NOT VOTING—1

Clinton

The bill (S. 250), as amended, was passed.

BANKRUPTCY ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2005—Continued

AMENDMENT NO. 90

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There will now be 2 minutes of debate, equally divided, on the Feingold amendment No. 90.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, for the information of my colleagues, in consultation with the Democratic leader, we would like to have all of the remaining votes be 10-minute votes. We are going to be enforcing it strictly, so we have a reason to keep moving along. We ask that everybody, once we start voting shortly, stay in the Chamber and continue to vote. We will have 10-minute votes for the remainder of the evening.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin is recognized.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, if we have a brief quorum call, I believe we may be able to eliminate the need for some of the votes.

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

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

The Senator is recognized.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I appreciate the fact that we have had some opportunity to make a few modest modifications at the end of this process. Obviously, I hoped for more, but I do thank the Senator from Utah, Mr. HATCH, the Senator from Alabama, Mr. SESSIONS, the Senator from Iowa, Mr. GRASSLEY, and the Senator from Pennsylvania, Senator SPECTER, who are working on a number of changes and accepting a couple of amendments so we can move this process through. The result will be that the next five votes on my amendments will not be necessary, if this agreement is made. So I hope that causes the unanimous consent agreement to go through.