

I thank Senators CLINTON, ENZI, and KENNEDY for all of their tremendous work. Chairman ENZI plans to take that legislation to the HELP Committee, I believe, on Wednesday morning. Following that, I look forward to working with my colleagues for Senate passage.

Mr. President, we have a very busy week before us. Again, we will be turning to the foreign operations legislation shortly.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader is recognized.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—H.R. 3130

Mr. REID. Mr. President, before my distinguished colleague leaves the floor, I ask unanimous consent that the Appropriations Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3130, the veterans health care supplemental bill, that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration, and that the bill be amended to increase the funding level to \$1.5 billion; that the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, reserving the right to object.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, we have been here before. Indeed, the Senate has voted twice, most recently on the Homeland Security appropriations bill we finished last week, and then a week before that on the Interior appropriations bill, to provide \$1.5 billion for veterans health programs for the current fiscal year, with the remainder of it to be used until expended.

I supported those amendments, as did the Democratic leader.

The conference on the Interior bill, I understand, is well underway and will be completed by the end of this week. I fully expect that the \$1.5 billion in additional funding for veterans health care will be on the President's desk for his signature before we leave in 2 weeks for the August recess.

In addition, I should also mention it is important that no veteran right now—no single veteran—is being denied needed health care. The other thing I want to mention to the Democratic leader, because I have not mentioned it before, is that if, for some unexpected reason, the Interior appropriations conference report is not finished, then I think he and I could join together and sponsor legislation, stand-alone legislation if need be, to accomplish the same thing that he requests. I do not believe it is necessary today because we will accomplish this goal before we leave. The conference on the Interior bill is underway and will provide that funding.

Therefore, I object to the unanimous consent request by the minority leader.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if I could just briefly say, I appreciate the statement of the distinguished majority leader. I want this matter to stay before the attention of the Senate. I think it would be better to do it this way and send it to the House. I think that would be so much better. It would be done, I believe, more quickly.

But I also say at this stage the veterans programs are being cannibalized. Those programs for capital construction are being used for health care. I think it would be better if we dispose of this. I will watch the conference committee very closely. It is really not a place for veterans funding programs, but we will take it wherever we get it. Again, I am sorry we were not able to work it out more quickly, but I do look forward to completing it in this work period.

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. 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.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have a question I want to ask my friend.

The money in the Interior bill, I hope it is additional money, not money coming from other programs. Does the distinguished majority leader know about that? Do you understand my question? I hope it is new money. I hope it is not money we are taking from other programs.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, in response, I will check with Chairman BURNS to see where specifically the money comes from. I am not exactly aware where the money comes from.

Mr. REID. Because if it is going to come from other Interior programs, I would even go so far as to suggest maybe the Presiding Officer would not want \$1.5 billion to come out of the Interior bill for programs that are not within the Interior bill. I know I would not like that.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, it is all new money. It is not being taken from other programs.

Mr. REID. That is real good news.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ALEXANDER). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent

that at 5:15 this evening the Senate proceed to executive session for 30 minutes of debate equally divided in relation to calendar No. 172, Lester Crawford to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs; provided further that following that time the Senate proceed to a vote on the nomination, with no intervening action or debate. I further ask that following the vote the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate resume legislative session.

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

HONORING THE PASSENGERS AND CREW OF UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 93

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 26 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will state the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 26) honoring and memorializing the passengers and crew of the United Airlines Flight 93.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment at the desk be agreed to, the concurrent resolution, as amended, be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 1228) was agreed to, as follows:

On page 3, line 2, strike "and the minority leader of the Senate" and insert "the minority leader of the Senate, the Chairman and the Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, and the Chairman and the Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives".

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 26), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 26

Whereas on September 11, 2001, acts of war involving the hijacking of commercial airplanes were committed against the United States, killing and injuring thousands of innocent people;

Whereas 1 of the hijacked planes, United Airlines Flight 93, crashed in a field in Pennsylvania;

Whereas while Flight 93 was still in the air, the passengers and crew, through cellular phone conversations with loved ones on the ground, learned that other hijacked airplanes had been used to attack the United States;

Whereas during those phone conversations, several of the passengers indicated that there was an agreement among the passengers and crew to try to overpower the hijackers who had taken over Flight 93;

Whereas Congress established the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (commonly referred to as "the 9-11 Commission") to study the September 11, 2001, attacks and how they occurred;

Whereas the 9-11 Commission concluded that "the nation owes a debt to the passengers of Flight 93. Their actions saved the lives of countless others, and may have saved either the U.S. Capitol or the White House from destruction."; and

Whereas the crash of Flight 93 resulted in the death of everyone on board: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That

(1) the United States owes the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93 deep respect and gratitude for their decisive actions and efforts of bravery;

(2) the United States extends its condolences to the families and friends of the passengers and crew of Flight 93;

(3) not later than October 1, 2006, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, the Chairman and the Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, and the Chairman and the Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives shall select an appropriate memorial that shall be located in the United States Capitol and that shall honor the passengers and crew of Flight 93, who saved the United States Capitol from destruction; and

(4) the memorial shall state the purpose of the honor and the names of the passengers and crew of Flight 93 on whom the honor is bestowed.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006—Continued

AMENDMENTS NOS. 1229 THROUGH 1235

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, we have several cleared amendments to the State, Foreign Operations bill which I send to the desk and ask for immediate consideration en bloc.

There is one on behalf of Senator MARTINEZ regarding the Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; by Senator LEAHY, a technical amendment; for myself regarding activities of OPIC in Libya; three Leahy amendments, two technicals and an amendment regarding assistance to Pakistan; a Leahy amendment regarding assistance for the North Caucasus.

All of these amendments have been cleared on both sides. I ask for their immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] proposes amendments numbered 1229 through 1235 en bloc.

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

If not, without objection, the amendments are agreed to en bloc.

The amendments were agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1229

(Purpose: To extend the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy until October 1, 2006)

On page 326, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following new section:

UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

SEC. 6113. Section 1334 of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6553) is amended by striking "October 1, 2005" and inserting "October 1, 2006".

AMENDMENT NO. 1230

(Purpose: Technical amendment relating to Iraq)

On page 309, line 24, after "Fund", insert the following:

in chapter 2 of title II of P.L. 108-106

AMENDMENT NO. 1231

(Purpose: To provide an exception for activities of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation in Libya)

On page 210, on line 23, after the words "or its agents" insert the following:

: *Provided further*, That for purposes of this section, the prohibition shall not include activities of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation in Libya

AMENDMENT NO. 1232

(Purpose: Technical amendment concerning foreign nongovernmental organizations)

On page 295, line 23, strike "local" and insert in lieu thereof:

foreign nongovernmental

On page 296, line 2, strike "local" and insert in lieu thereof:

foreign nongovernmental

On page 311, line 9, strike "local" and insert in lieu thereof:

foreign

AMENDMENT NO. 1233

(Purpose: Technical amendment relating to a reporting requirement)

On page 191, line 24, after "Appropriations" insert:

and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives

AMENDMENT NO. 1234

(Purpose: Reporting requirement relating to assistance for Pakistan)

On page 172, line 7, strike "defenders" and insert in lieu thereof

lawyers and journalists

AMENDMENT NO. 1235

(Purpose: To provide certain assistance to the North Caucasus)

On page 176, line 2, after the colon insert:

Provided further, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, not less than \$5,000,000 should be made available for humanitarian, conflict mitigation, relief and recovery assistance for Chechnya, Ingushetia, and elsewhere in the North Caucasus:

Mr. MCCONNELL. 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.

Mr. MCCONNELL. 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. HARKIN. 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. 1239

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, for many years, I have been active in efforts to stop exploitative child labor as well as trafficking in child and female slaves around the world. In my travels to many countries, I have seen this scourge firsthand. I have come to the floor of the Senate many times to speak about this issue. I have spoken about how shocked I was to see the deplorable conditions under which these kids are forced to work. Many are physically, emotionally, and sexually abused. All of them, every child engaged in abusive child labor is deprived of a childhood solely for someone else's gain.

Why should we as a nation tolerate children being used in such a manner? We should not. It is a moral outrage and an affront to human dignity. When a child is exploited for the economic gains for others, not only does the child lose, but the family loses and I think the whole world loses. It is bad economics, and it is bad development strategy. A nation cannot achieve prosperity on the backs of children, and there should simply be no place in the global economy for child labor.

So when news reports about forced child labor on west African cocoa farms first emerged in 2001, I was not entirely surprised. According to one report in a series of articles by Knight Ridder, the child laborers of Ivory Coast "are whipped, beaten, and broken like horses to harvest the almond-sized beans that are made into chocolate treats for more fortunate children in Europe and the United States."

After looking into this, I resolved to do everything I could to end this tragic exploitation of children working on cocoa farms. However, I sought a legislative remedy not as a first resort but as a last resort. Together with Congressman ELIOT ENGEL of New York, we engaged the major chocolate companies in lengthy, intense negotiations. The result is what is now called the Harkin-Engel protocol for the growing and processing of cocoa beans in a manner that complies with the International Labor Organization Convention 182 concerning the prohibition and immediate action for the elimination of the worst forms of child labor. This protocol would apply to everywhere cocoa is grown and processed.

The agreement laid out a series of date-specific actions, including the development of credible, mutually acceptable, voluntary industrywide standards of public certification by July 1 of 2005, this month, in order to give a public accounting of labor practices in cocoa farming.

The Harkin-Engel protocol marked an important first—an entire industry, including companies from the United States, Europe, and the United Kingdom, taking responsibility for addressing the worst forms of child labor and forced labor in its supply chain.