

representing low-income and elderly constituents.

I realize my time has expired. I urge my colleagues to support the motion to invoke cloture.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I will conclude by making two points. First of all, the question on cloture is not whether to allow the program to go forward but whether it will be paid for or, in effect, the money taken from next year, in which case then next year's money will have to be taken from the year after that, and so forth. So it is a question of how we pay for it.

The average temperature in July of last year in Arizona was just under 100 degrees. It was about 98 degrees. It is a matter of life and death. Eighteen people died in Arizona, and there was no money available in Arizona for this program. By the time we found we could get a contingency of \$183 million, it was too late.

So while we would like to see the program continue, we would like to see it paid for and also we would like to see the formula modified so those people who suffer from the heat have as much of an opportunity to participate as those who have trouble from the cold weather. As a result, assuming that cloture is invoked, what we will be urging is that the next billion dollars be spent pursuant to a formula that more fairly divides the money among the various States, all of which have problems, but they are just different kinds of problems. And we will be able to debate that at that time.

Mr. President, I yield back all of the remaining time so we can go ahead with the vote.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on S. 2320: a bill to make available funds included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes.

William Frist, Lamar Alexander, Ted Stevens, Pat Roberts, R.F. Bennett, George Allen, Pete Domenici, Rick Santorum, Gordon Smith, John Thune, Richard G. Lugar, Arlen Specter, John E. Sununu, Mitch McConnell, Lincoln D. Chafee, Lisa Murkowski, Mike DeWine, David Vitter.

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

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on S. 2320, a bill to make available funds included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006, shall be brought to a close? The yeas and nays

are mandatory under the rule. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 75, nays 25, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 33 Leg.]

YEAS—75

Akaka	Dorgan	Mikulski
Alexander	Durbin	Murkowski
Allen	Feingold	Murray
Baucus	Feinstein	Nelson (FL)
Bayh	Frist	Nelson (NE)
Bennett	Grassley	Obama
Biden	Gregg	Pryor
Bingaman	Hagel	Reed
Boxer	Harkin	Reid
Burns	Hatch	Rockefeller
Burr	Inouye	Salazar
Byrd	Jeffords	Santorum
Cantwell	Johnson	Sarbanes
Carper	Kennedy	Schumer
Chafee	Kerry	Smith
Clinton	Kohl	Snowe
Cochran	Landrieu	Specter
Coleman	Lautenberg	Stabenow
Collins	Leahy	Stevens
Conrad	Levin	Sununu
Dayton	Lieberman	Talent
DeWine	Lincoln	Thune
Dodd	Lugar	Voinovich
Dole	McConnell	Warner
Domenici	Menendez	Wyden

NAYS—25

Allard	DeMint	Martinez
Bond	Ensign	McCain
Brownback	Enzi	Roberts
Bunning	Graham	Sessions
Chambless	Hutchison	Shelby
Coburn	Inhofe	Thomas
Cornyn	Isakson	Vitter
Craig	Kyl	
Crapo	Lott	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BURR). On this vote, the yeas are 75, the nays are 25. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

Mr. FRIST. I move to reconsider the vote and to lay that motion on the table.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 2913 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2899

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask for the regular order with respect to amendment No. 2899 and now call up amendment No. 2913 as the pending amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Tennessee [Mr. FRIST], for Ms. SNOWE, proposes an amendment numbered 2913 to amendment No. 2899.

Mr. FRIST. 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 improve the distribution of funds to States under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

Beginning on page 1, strike line 7 and all that follows through page 2, line 5, and insert the following:

(A) by striking "for a 1-time only obligation and expenditure";

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking "\$250,000,000 for fiscal year 2007" and inserting "\$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2006"; and

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking "\$750,000,000 for fiscal year 2007" and inserting "\$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2006";

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. 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.

DEATH OF DANA REEVE

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I awakened this morning to some very, very sad news: the death of Dana Reeve last night at the age of 44. With her death, I lost a dear friend and our American family lost a very, very special member of our family.

The world will remember Dana in many ways—as a fine actress, as a tireless advocate for spinal cord and embryonic stem cell research, and as the wife who stood by her husband through incredible adversity. I will remember her as a person of extraordinary grace and decency, always thinking of others, passionately committed to making a difference in the world.

Over the years, I was privileged to get to know and to work with both Dana and Christopher Reeve. Whoever coined the phrase that "life is unfair" must have had the Reeve family in mind. But these two people faced adversity with unflinching courage.

They taught us the most valuable of lessons. Christopher taught us how to transcend suffering and to live life to its fullest and to make every moment count. Dana taught us about the true meaning of love and commitment and loyalty.

Together, Dana and Christopher Reeve expanded access to new treatments and therapies for countless thousands of paralyzed Americans. Through their Christopher Reeve Foundation, they were tireless advocates for medical research.

Dana Reeve was also a superb politician, and I mean that in the best sense of the word. She knew exactly which committees to target, which levers to pull, which elected officials to cultivate and pressure and plead with. She also knew how to go over the heads of certain political leaders who got in her way, by taking her case directly to the American people. That is how Dana—and Chris, too—did so much to put embryonic stem cell research front and center on the national agenda. That is how she rallied support for spinal cord research.

But Dana spoke up passionately for all people living with disabilities. She spoke up for Parkinson's and ALS research. She advocated for more generous funding for the National Institutes of Health. Of course, she wanted a cure for her husband, but she fought for a cure for others as well, including all those children whom she and Chris met with spinal cord injuries. And, my friends, so must we. We must fight

also. Dana continued full speed ahead because of her drive and determination, because of the incredible work of all the dedicated people at the Christopher Reeve Foundation. And now Dana's work must continue full speed ahead because of our commitment and determination.

We must continue because we have an unfinished agenda. As long as misguided leaders deny our best scientists access to embryonic stem cells, we have an unfinished agenda. As long as people with disabilities are forced to live in nursing homes because Medicaid will not cover home care, we have an unfinished agenda. As long as there is hope for a cure to spinal cord injuries, Parkinson's, ALS, and other diseases, we have an unfinished agenda.

If we have just half of the commitment and tenacity and courage that Dana Reeve and her husband had, then we will complete this agenda.

Helen Keller, who knew plenty about adversity and disability, said something that applies very much to Dana Reeve in her last months. "Life," said Helen Keller, "is either a daring adventure, or nothing. To keep our faces toward change and behave like free spirits in the presence of fate is strength undefeatable."

That is the Dana Reeve I will always remember and cherish. Even when her husband was gravely injured and then taken from her, even a few months after that when she was cruelly stricken with lung cancer—a person who had never smoked in her entire life—she never gave up her fight for a better world and a better future for other people, especially those struggling with disabilities.

Dana Reeve was an extraordinary person, a passionate advocate, a wonderful mother, a loyal, committed, loving wife. As I said, she has taught us a lot about what commitment really means. We are grateful to God for the many gifts she shared with the world. We are grateful for all she has done to enrich our lives and to instruct us in how to live. Today, we grieve her passing.

May she rest in peace, and may her work continue.

Just on behalf of the Harkin family, Ruth and I and our children send our condolences to Will and to all the other members of the Reeve family. May they know we are going to continue the work. Through the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, we will find a cure for paralysis and spinal cord injuries. We cannot afford to give up. Dana Reeve never gave up. We cannot afford to either.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today we heard the sad news of the death of Dana Reeve. My wife Marcelle and I got to know, first, Christopher Reeve, who often traveled to Vermont. We met with him there, did things with him there, and with members of his family; and then, subsequently through Chris, with Dana Reeve. We know they had only been married for 3 short years

when Christopher Reeve had a terrible accident which left him paralyzed from the neck down.

Like so many of the friends of both of them, we saw how Dana kept by his side. They raised their young son, she encouraging Chris at every step along the way.

It was my privilege to see and be with the two of them many times throughout that, as she helped him with his foundation, to help those with spinal cord injuries. And I heard him say so many times he could not have possibly done this without her steadfast help.

She said at one point that she learned that life does not take the turns you might think it would but that she would continue to stay with Chris and help him.

I remember when the sad time came for the end of his life, and the funeral and the eulogies and discussions that I had with her after that, and her commitment to go forward to help with the foundation and to raise their son.

Then, with the stunning news just a few months ago that she had lung cancer, in typical fashion, she said she felt she could beat that and would do—she had the best doctors—all the steps possible. Then in the last few days she got more and more ill. And, of course, today we received the news she had died.

I think of her talking about her years at Middlebury College in Vermont, going to Vermont with Chris—the two of them giving us so much.

A devoted wife and mother, a talented singer and actress, a determined and dedicated activist, Dana Reeve was the embodiment of grace and courage in the face of so many staggering challenges.

A graduate of Vermont's Middlebury College, Dana pursued both acting and singing, appearing on television programs, on Broadway, and on other stages across the country. When she married Christopher Reeve, a dear friend of so many of us across this land, she could not know what direction her life would take.

I first met Chris in the 1980s and had the good fortune of spending time with him in my home State of Vermont. Over the years, Marcelle and I came to count Chris among our friends. I am privileged to say that Dana became a dear friend of ours as well.

When tragedy struck Chris and Dana's lives in 1995, just 3 short years after their marriage, Dana's love and courage became the focal point of so many stories. Left a quadriplegic in a tragic equestrian accident, Chris repeatedly credited Dana's constant care, companionship, and love with bringing him out of shadowy sadness he felt in the first months after the accident. Together they opened the Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center, designed to teach paralyzed people to live more independently. They also chaired the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, which provides funds for research on paralysis.

When Chris died in 2004, Dana—her courage never wavering—assumed the foundation's chairmanship, and she came to the Halls of Congress to make the case for easing the restrictions on stem cell research. Her unrelenting efforts to improve the quality of life for sufferers of paralysis have led to the distribution of more than \$8 million in grant funding to support programs designed to improve the daily lives of paralyzed people. Despite being diagnosed with lung cancer in 2005, Dana continued her advocacy efforts. In 2005, the American Cancer Society named her Mother of the Year.

Both Chris and Dana instilled in so many a hope and inspiration that can only come from conquering adversity. Their generous, vibrant, and compassionate souls have touched an entire nation. Their young son Will will no doubt look to that strength as he continues through life. Two years ago, I mourned the loss of my friend, Chris Reeve. Today, I join so many in mourning the loss of Dana, his inspiration, and ours as well.

It is sad when two good people like this are taken so early. I know I speak for so many tens of thousands of their friends not just around this country but around the world.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a remarkable woman who has shown Americans what courage is all about. That woman is Dana Reeve.

I knew Dana as a smiling, beautiful woman standing behind Christopher Reeve's wheelchair, accompanying him to DC to testify in support of advancing stem cell research. Since Chris's death, Dana was the face of this fight on behalf of patients across the country with spinal cord injury, Parkinson's, juvenile diabetes and countless other illnesses.

I thought that after everything Dana had gone through with Chris that she would have time to smell the flowers and be in the sun. But apparently that was not meant to be.

My heart goes out to Dana and Chris's son William, Dana's stepchildren Matthew and Alexandra, and the entire Reeve and Morosini families during what is and has been a very difficult time.

Dana was the picture of steadfast loyalty and compassionate care. She and Chris taught us all that life is short and that we should all have the courage and hope to "go forward."

Dana carried that spirit with her in her drive to push Congress to expand embryonic stem cell research and to expand access to new treatments and therapies for thousands of Americans with spinal cord injuries.

Dana was an activist, actress, singer, motivational speaker and published author. Dana was a founding board member of the Christopher Reeve Foundation and succeeded her late husband as chairperson in 2004. She created and led the Foundation's Quality of Life initiatives.

She received numerous awards for her work, most notably the Shining Example Award from Proctor & Gamble in 1998, an American Image Award from the AAFA in 2003, and the American Cancer Society named her Mother of the Year in 2005.

Dana, the person, was a tireless advocate for people with spinal cord injuries. For me personally, she and Chris will forever be the shining lights in the great national debate for advancing medical research.

It is with sadness that I stand before this body, more than 9 months after the historic vote in the House to expand Federally funded embryonic stem cell research, and still there has been no vote in the Senate.

With each day that passes the research that could one day lead to cures and treatments for millions of Americans with deadly and debilitating diseases is being held up.

It is incomprehensible to me that we have a bill, which has already passed the House, that may help millions of Americans but instead is just sitting, languishing in the Senate despite some overtures or promises that it would be taken up by this body.

It is time for the Senate to do exactly what the House did. It is time for the Senate to take up and pass the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act, the Castle-DeGette bill, with no amendments and no alternatives. I believe we have the votes to pass this bill today and send it to the President.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge Dana's last struggle, her battle against cancer. This terrible disease is a very personal one for me. I have lost many loved ones to it. The elimination of death and suffering due to cancer has been one of my highest priorities since coming to the Senate.

Dana died of lung cancer and, as many of you have read in the papers, Dana was a non-smoker. I believe she had stage one metastatic lung cancer. In fact, over 60 percent of new lung cancers are diagnosed in people who never smoked or who managed to quit smoking even decades ago.

While cigarette smoking is by far the most important risk factor for lung cancer, many other factors play a role.

Lung cancer remains the deadliest form of cancer. In 2006, it will account for more than 162,000 cancer deaths, or about 29 percent of all cancer deaths. Since 1987, more women have died each year of lung cancer than from breast cancer.

Screening for lung cancer is years behind screening for other cancers, which means that when it is diagnosed, the disease is often already in its late stages, which is what I suspect happened to Dana Reeve.

The 5-year survival rate for all stages of lung cancer is only 15 percent. Compare this to the overall 5-year survival rate of 65 percent for all cancers diagnosed between 1995 and 2001.

Clearly we can and must do better. Increased NIH research for lung cancer is essential and we must press for better screening tools for lung cancer. I plan to address both of these issues in

comprehensive cancer legislation I plan to introduce shortly.

In closing, it is my sincere hope that the love Dana and Chris shared for each other will reunite them wherever their journeys take them from here. Dana left us far too soon—in her mid-40s—but she left us with her fighting spirit and the will to push forward so that one day we may find treatments and cures for those living with spinal cord injuries and other disabling conditions.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the Senator withdraw his suggestion of an absence of a quorum?

Mr. HARKIN. Yes. I yield the floor.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. In my capacity as a Senator from the State of North Carolina, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess until 2:15 p.m. to accommodate the weekly party lunches and that the time will be counted postcloture.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:24 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. ISAKSON).

MAKING AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, 2006—Continued

Mr. MARTINEZ. 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. DAYTON. 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. DAYTON. I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business for 10 minutes with the time charged against my hour under cloture.

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

KIRBY PUCKETT

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I rise today to note with sorrow the passing of one of Minnesota's greatest sports heroes, Kirby Puckett, who suffered a stroke on Sunday and died yesterday at the age of 45. Kirby Puckett was born and raised in Chicago, but he became a Minnesotan when he was drafted at the age of 22 by the Minnesota Twins.

After two seasons in the minor leagues, he played his first major league game for the Twins on May 8, 1984, where he became the ninth player in baseball history to get four hits in his first game. Three years later, he appeared in the first of eight consecutive All Star games during which time he also won the American League's Most Valuable Player honors and Most Valuable Player in the American League championship series.

When his great career was cut short by blurred vision caused by glaucoma

in 1996, he sported a lifetime major league batting average of .318 with 2,304 hits, 207 home runs, and 1,085 runs batted in in 1,783 games. But even those extraordinary statistics comprise only part of Kirby Puckett's greatness. He played baseball with an enthusiasm, a devotion, and an excitement that was thrilling to watch. Whether at bat or in center field, where he was a Golden Glove outfielder, he brought Twins fans out of their seats with spectacular game-winning plays.

No Minnesota Twins fan old enough to remember our team's two world championships will ever forget Kirby Puckett. In 1987, with the Twins trailing the St. Louis Cardinals three games to two, Kirby tied World Series records by reaching base five times and scoring four runs to lead the Twins to victory in game No. 6. The next night the Twins won game 7 to win their first world championship and a Minnesota team's first professional world championship in almost 30 years.

Four years later in another World Series game 6 with the Twins, this time playing the Atlanta Braves three games to two, Kirby Puckett was unbelievably even more spectacular than before. His over-the-wall catch saved the game-winning Braves home run and sent the game into extra innings which he then won with a home run in the bottom of the 11th inning. The next night the Twins won another game 7 and another World Series.

During those years, Kirby Puckett was a wonderful representative of the Minnesota Twins and Major League Baseball. He hosted celebrity events for local charities, made countless appearances for others, signed endless autographs, all with his infectious Kirby Puckett smile. Andy MacPhail, now president of the Chicago Cubs, and general manager of the Twins during those World Series years, said yesterday:

Kirby Puckett was probably the greatest teammate I've ever been around. You always felt better when you were around Kirby. He just had that way about him.

The years following his retirement from baseball stardom were more difficult ones with his sterling reputation tarnished by marital discord and other public incidents. When his contract as executive vice president for the Twins expired at the end of 2002, Kirby Puckett retired from baseball and later moved to Scottsdale, AZ where he passed away. He is survived by his two children Catherine and Kirby, Jr. and his fiancée Jodi Olson, to whom I extend my deepest condolences.

The Kirby Puckett I will remember, as will a generation of Minnesota Twins fans young and old, will always be wearing a Minnesota Twins uniform, No. 34, leaping for flyballs, racing around the bases, making his greatest plays in the most important games, and doing so with a zest for the game and for life that was unmistakable and unforgettable.