

I would also note that I believe there may be one other unanimous-consent request, and I would be happy to suspend while that is made and then conclude my remarks in 3 minutes. I think the Senator from Rhode Island would like to speak, or I can go ahead and conclude, and then the Senator from Ohio could make his request—whatever the pleasure of the leader is.

Mr. REID. Has there been objection? The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

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 I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senator from Arizona be recognized for up to 5 minutes to finish his statement, and then I would like to be recognized.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

TROOP FUNDING

Mr. KYL. I will conclude in about 3 minutes.

Mr. President, the point I was making is this: It is easy to lose sight of the larger objective when we get down into the details of specific legislation, as we must do. It is important to understand it and to get it right, but we also have to keep our eye on the ball. To mix metaphors, you have to look at the forest and not get drawn down into the trees too much. The forest here is a very dangerous enemy which means to do us harm. They have the means to do it. They have the will to do it. We are fighting them in two different kinds of conflicts. We are fighting them in hot war in Afghanistan and Iraq. It is a serious proposition. Young men and women have been sent to these places to do battle, to lay their lives on the line to carry out the mission on behalf of the American people to secure those places for liberty. Not all of them will come home. Not all of them will come home without casualty. This is serious business. It requires our full attention, with a knowledge of the nature of the threat.

We cannot send them to do this job without being willing to provide them the funding they need to sustain their effort. Part of the debate today is ensuring that at least for the next 4 months, they will have enough money to get the job done.

By the same token, we have an enemy all over the world, including in the United States, which is plotting, our intelligence community assesses with high confidence, to carry out a devastating attack if they have the opportunity to do so. It is critical that we use the assets we have available to

collect intelligence against these organizations and people wherever they are. The best way to defeat the radical Islamists who mean to do us harm is to prevent it in the first place. That is what good intelligence allows us. That is why it is important for us to reauthorize the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

My point is, on two of the great issues that are before us today, we have a violent enemy that needs to be defeated. The best way to do that is to support our troops and our intelligence agencies and the men and women who are carrying out the missions we have asked of them in defeating this enemy.

We have to understand the threat and understand that in America, in this great democratic Republic of ours, the American people are the center of gravity in any war. It is their support that is needed in order to achieve victory.

Our young men and women on the battlefield and our people serving us in the intelligence community are counting on us, the representatives of the American people, to see to it that they have what they need to carry out their missions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that if this consent is granted, the first person recognized be Senator JACK REED, who wants to talk about a staffer, someone who works for him.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Will the leader yield? I did not hear him.

Mr. REID. If the consent is granted, I want Senator REED to be recognized for up to 8 or 10 minutes, let's say 10 minutes. Following that, I ask unanimous consent that the Senator from Ohio, Mr. BROWN, be recognized for up to 5 minutes.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2764

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate begins consideration of the message from the House on H.R. 2764, the Foreign Operations bill, there be 1 hour for debate equally divided between the two leaders or their designees on invoking cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendments; that the Senate vote on that cloture motion upon the use or yielding back of that time; that the mandatory live quorum be waived; that if cloture is not invoked, the Senate then proceed to amendment No. 2 of the House; that Senator MCCONNELL be recognized to offer a motion to concur in that amendment, with an amendment; that Senator FEINGOLD then be immediately recognized to offer an amendment to that motion; that there be 1 hour for debate equally divided in the usual form in relation to Senator FEINGOLD's amendment; that if

his amendment does not attain 60 votes in the affirmative, it be withdrawn; that upon the disposition of his amendment, Senator LEVIN be recognized to offer his amendment to the motion; that there be 1 hour for debate equally divided on his amendment prior to a vote on his amendment; that if it does not attain 60 votes, it be withdrawn and the Senate immediately, without any intervening action, vote on Senator MCCONNELL's motion to concur; that if his motion does not attain 60 votes in the affirmative, it be withdrawn; that upon the disposition of House amendment No. 2, the Senate proceed to House amendment No. 1; that Senator REID then be recognized to move to concur in the amendment of the House, with an amendment containing the text of the House-passed AMT bill, H.R. 4351; that there be 1 hour for debate on his motion equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; that upon the conclusion of that time, the Senate vote on the motion; that if the motion does not attain 60 votes in the affirmative, it be withdrawn; that if it is withdrawn, Senator REID then be recognized to offer a motion to concur in the House amendment; that there be 2 hours for debate equally divided between the two leaders on that motion; that no other motions to concur or amendments be in order prior to the disposition of Senator REID's motions to concur.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Republican leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, with regard to the 2 hours so designated for the AMT debate, I request the opportunity to modify: that Senator ISAKSON have 5 minutes, Senator CHAMBLISS have 5 minutes, Senator DEMINT have 15 minutes, Senator ENZI have 5 minutes, Senator GRASSLEY have 15 minutes, and Senator COCHRAN have 15 minutes—that is for the final vote, Mr. President, not the AMT vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request, as modified?

Hearing none, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, speaking on behalf of—and Senator MCCONNELL certainly can speak on behalf of himself—I appreciate the cooperation of everyone. These are very difficult issues, and there is a lot of work we have not done. But that is the way it always is at the end of a session like this. So I appreciate everyone's cooperation. I hope no one has been offended with my being a little pushier than usual, but I had a little pushing on my side anyway, pushing me to get this done. Everyone has a lot to do.

We have one Senator who needs to get things done tonight. She has a sick daughter. She has to go home. We have a lot of issues we need to address.

So we will now hear from Senator REED and Senator BROWN, and then we will be on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.