The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. NELSON of Nebraska). Is there objection?

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I object. There is objection on the Republican side.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST—H.R. 7112

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 7112, which is at the desk; that the Dodd-Shelby amendment which is also at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I object. The Banking Committee is working on new language which has not yet been cleared.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. REID. I want the record to reflect that this is very important legislation to impose sanctions with respect to Iran, to provide for the divestment of assets in Iran by State and local governments and other entities, and to identify locations of concern with respect to transshipment, reexportation, or diversion of certain sensitive items to Iran. We have tried to get this done. It is very important. There has been objection by the Republicans. That is unfortunate.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST—S. 3644

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent, on behalf of Senator LANDRIEU and others, that the Agriculture Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 3644, a bill to provide crop disaster assistance, and the Senate proceed to its consideration, that the bill be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, there be no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I object. I understand Senator COBURN has a hold.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the news from Nevada about those unemployed is that it is going up every day. Nevada now has an extremely high unemployment rate, over 7 percent. But Nevada is not the most unemployed State. Michigan is over 9 percent. We Democrats are deeply concerned with the continued rise in unemployment and the fact that many unemployed workers have exhausted or soon will exhaust their benefits. We hope our Republican colleagues will allow the Senate to move legislation forward and extend unemployment compensation benefits and do it now before we recess.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST—S. 3507

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Finance Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 3507 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration, that the Reed of Rhode Island amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and there be no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I object.

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 assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HAGEL. 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. HAGEL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed to speak—I assume we are in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. We are in morning business.

Mr. HAGEL. For up to 20 minutes.

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

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, thank you. I am very pleased you are in the chair this afternoon. For those who are not aware of the fact that Nebraska's entire Senate delegation is on the Senate floor today, one who will soon become the senior Senator is presiding. So, thank you, Mr. President.

TRIBUTE TO SENATORS

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I would like to begin my remarks this afternoon acknowledging four of our colleagues who will be leaving the Senate along with me at the end of this Congress, the 110th Congress, and then make some additional comments.

PETE DOMENICI AND JOHN WARNER

Mr. President, this body will lose two of the most respected, highly regarded consensus builders in the history of this body. I speak of the senior Senator from New Mexico, Mr. DOMENICI, and the senior Senator from Virginia, Mr. WARNER. Between the two of these distinguished national leaders, they have given the Senate and this country 70 years of service.

Most Americans are aware of Senators DOMENICI and WARNER and the contributions they have made. Those of us who have had the privilege of serving with these two individuals know what they have meant to our country. They have been role models, leaders, men of conscience, of vision, of integrity, of courage. And all of those most-valued human characteristics have been evident when America has needed them most.

For their voice and their courage and their vision, we thank them. For the kind of men they are, and the Senators they have been, we thank them. We are all much enriched by our association with Senators WARNER and DOMENICI, and this country will miss them greatly.

But they leave strong legacies. They leave men and women who have been touched by their leadership and their values who will carry on behind them, emulating their leadership and their vision.

WAYNE ALLARD

Mr. President, I wish also to recognize one of my classmates with whom I came to the Senate 12 years ago. He is our neighbor from the West, the senior Senator from Colorado, WAYNE ALLARD. Aside from Senator ALLARD and Colorado usually taking Nebraska's water, we find little to quarrel with in the kind of work that Senator ALLARD has done for his State and our country.

I have had an opportunity to serve 12 years with Senator ALLARD on the Banking Committee. His very steady performance and leadership will be missed on that committee, as well as on the other committees he has served and has been very active, as my colleague in the chair knows, who served with him as well on the Armed Services Committee. His leadership on the Budget Committee in particular will be missed. I wish to acknowledge that friendship and that leadership of Senator ALLARD.

LARRY CRAIG

Mr. President, the fourth Member of the Senate who will be leaving along with me will be the senior Senator from Idaho, LARRY CRAIG. I have had an opportunity to work with Senator CRAIG over the years on environmental issues, energy issues, trade issues, agricultural issues. There have been few who have been as forceful and important a voice on behalf of those critical challenges to our country.

Senator CRAIG, Senator ALLARD, Senator WARNER, and Senator DOMENICI all leave the Senate a better institution for their service.

FAREWELL TO THE SENATE

Mr. HAGEL. On January 7, 1997, I took an oath of office in the Senate, an oath to the Constitution, and I became the 1,841st person who has ever served in the Senate. That number struck me