

Drug Czar—Gil Kerlikowske.
Economic Czar—Paul Volcker.
Energy and Environment Czar—Carol Browner.
Faith-Based Czar—Joshua DuBois.
Great Lakes Czar—Cameron Davis.
Green Jobs Czar—Van Jones (resigned on Sept. 6).
Guantanamo Closure Czar—Daniel Fried.
Health Czar—Nancy-Ann DeParle.
Information Czar—Vivek Kundra.
International Climate Czar—Todd Stern.
Mideast Peace Czar—George Mitchell.
Pay Czar—Kenneth Feinberg.
Regulatory Czar—Cass Sunstein.*
Science Czar—John Holdren.
Stimulus Accountability Czar—Earl Devaney—statutory position.
Sudan Czar—J. Scott Gration.
TARP Czar—Herb Allison.
Terrorism Czar—John Brennan.
Technology Czar—Aneesh Chopra.
Urban Affairs Czar—Adolfo Carrion Jr.
Weapons Czar—Ashton Carter.
WMD Policy Czar—Gary Samore.

*Nomination was sent to Senate on April 20, no action yet taken.

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

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

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. MURRAY. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3288, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3288) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, we are again here on Monday afternoon talking about a very important bill that came to the floor last Thursday. That is the investment in infrastructure, transportation, and housing across the country. We have many issues important to many Members who want to get this bill passed and to the President as quickly as possible so we can move forward. My colleague from Missouri and I have worked very hard to put the bill together. We are here this afternoon ready and waiting for our colleagues to offer amendments so we can get to final passage. I know the majority

leader wishes us to finish this fairly quickly. We have a number of appropriations bills we want to complete before the end of September deadline. So we ask our colleagues to get their amendments up, and we will move through them as quickly as we can.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Missouri.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I echo what the chairman of our subcommittee, the Senator from Washington, has said. We have had it out now. We have had this bill out. It has been on the floor since Thursday. We had Friday and the weekend to look at it. A number of my colleagues, many on this side of the aisle, have talked about offering amendments. I hope they will be ready to bring those amendments down. I think one or two are going to be offered this afternoon so we can have votes scheduled at 5:30, as the majority leader has suggested. It is not only the majority leader, it is the Senator from Washington and I who are urging people to come down. This is a very important bill. Everybody has transportation needs, concerns, and issues. Housing is such a significant challenge right now, given the situation in the financial markets and the situation with housing. We have many people who are dependent upon federally supported housing. We need to make sure we have the funds made available to take care of their needs.

We have special needs projects such as the VASH program for veterans with assisted housing that the Chair and I have entered into. That is very important for bringing our service men and women home and giving them the right kind of accommodation. All of these things are in the context of significant financial problems in the Federal Housing Administration. FHA, if you read the papers, is at a crisis point. I have described it as a ticking timebomb. Regrettably, I think that is still an accurate calculation. We have funds to provide to HUD and to the Secretary of HUD, to the IG and others, to deal with problems before they become more serious. So we need to get this bill passed.

I hope our colleagues would bring their amendments forward. We will only be able to vote until 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. We would appreciate them bringing as many amendments as they can forward before then, this afternoon and tomorrow, so we can go about the business of conferencing with the House, getting a measure that will get to the President so he can sign it and put these critically important funds to work.

I yield the floor.

Mrs. MURRAY. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 2355

Mr. JOHANNIS. Mr. President, I ask that amendment No. 2355 be called up.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNIS] proposes an amendment numbered 2355.

Mr. JOHANNIS. I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: Prohibiting direct or indirect use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN))

After section 414, insert the following:
 SEC. 4 _____. None of the funds made available under this Act may be directly or indirectly distributed to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN).

Mr. JOHANNIS. Mr. President, I rise today to discuss an amendment pertaining to ACORN, otherwise known as the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now.

Records will indicate that ACORN has received \$53 million in Federal funds—taxpayer money—since 1994. In the current transportation and housing appropriations bill, ACORN is eligible to add to that number, to receive millions more in taxpayer funds from several different accounts and purposes. It could receive money through mortgage counseling, it could receive money through CDBG, community development block grants, and it could receive money from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

The people of Nebraska sent me to Washington to protect them from waste and fraud and abuse, and they asked me to change the status quo. I take that responsibility very seriously. That is why my amendment would prohibit one more penny—one more penny—of taxpayer money from going to ACORN in the transportation and housing appropriations bill.

The recent news surrounding ACORN is alarming, at a minimum. In fact, it is outrageous. Last week, Miami-Dade prosecutors issued arrest warrants for 11 ACORN employees. The employees are charged with falsifying voter registration cards. A total of 1,400 voter registration cards were turned in, and 888 of those cards were found to be a fake. This means almost three-quarters of the voting cards were fraudulent. Then, damaging news surfaced regarding hidden videotapes at the Baltimore and Washington, DC, ACORN offices. You will not believe this: They feature ACORN employees offering advice on illegal activities, including tax evasion, prostitution, and fraud. Today we find out that a different ACORN office—this time in Brooklyn—also offered advice on the same topics. I