

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) would vote "nay."

Mr. KYL. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BENNET). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 92, nays 5, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 201 Leg.]

YEAS—92

Akaka	Graham	Mikulski
Alexander	Grassley	Moran
Ayotte	Hagan	Murkowski
Barrasso	Harkin	Murray
Baucus	Hatch	Nelson (NE)
Bennet	Heller	Nelson (FL)
Bingaman	Hoeven	Portman
Blumenthal	Hutchison	Pryor
Blunt	Inhofe	Reid
Boozman	Inouye	Risch
Brown (MA)	Isakson	Roberts
Brown (OH)	Johanns	Rockefeller
Burr	Johnson (WI)	Rubio
Cantwell	Johnson (SD)	Sanders
Cardin	Kerry	Schumer
Carper	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Casey	Kohl	Shelby
Chambliss	Kyl	Snowe
Coats	Landrieu	Stabenow
Cochran	Lautenberg	Tester
Collins	Leahy	Thune
Conrad	Lee	Toomey
Coons	Levin	Udall (CO)
Corker	Lieberman	Udall (NM)
Cornyn	Lugar	Vitter
Crapo	Manchin	Warner
Durbin	McCain	Webb
Enzi	McCaskey	Whitehouse
Feinstein	McConnell	Wicker
Franken	Menendez	Wyden
Gillibrand	Merkley	

NAYS—5

Boxer	DeMint	Sessions
Coburn	Paul	

NOT VOTING—3

Begich	Kirk	Reed
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The motion was agreed to.

VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. REED. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for this vote due to a flight delay caused by mechanical problems. Had I been present, I would have voted no. •

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

SPORTSMEN'S ACT OF 2012

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator TESTER, I have a substitute amendment which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3525) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is a shame. We have a bill that is bipartisan. Cloture has already been invoked on it. We are on the bill. Why in the world can't we just finish this bill, have a couple amendments and go on?

I am going to go ahead. I am going to fill the tree. I am sure I will get some

outrageous response back, as if we are still in the Presidential election, saying we want this many amendments. We are not going to have that many amendments. This is a bipartisan bill. People are going to have an opportunity to vote for or against the bill. If they want to kill the bill, they can. It is one of the most popular bills we did all last Congress. We didn't do many, but this is one that was popular.

I cannot imagine why we are trying to refight an election that took place 1 week ago. The clerk is going to report the substitute amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 2875

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.)

Mr. REID. I have a perfecting amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], for Mr. TESTER, proposes an amendment numbered 2875.

The text of the amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments."

Mr. REID. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 2876 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2875

Mr. REID. I now have a first-degree amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] proposes an amendment numbered No. 2876 to amendment No. 2875.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end, add the following new section:
SEC. ____.

This Act shall become effective 7 days after enactment.

Mr. REID. I ask for the yeas and nays on that amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 2877 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2876

Mr. REID. I have a second-degree amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] proposes an amendment numbered 2877 to amendment No. 2876.

The amendment is as follows:

In the amendment, strike "7 days" and insert "6 days".

AMENDMENT NO. 2878

Mr. REID. I have an amendment at the desk to the language that is proposed to be stricken.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] proposes an amendment numbered 2878 to the

language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2875.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end, add the following new section:
SEC. ____.

This title shall become effective 5 days after enactment.

Mr. REID. I ask for the yeas and nays on that amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 2879 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2878

Mr. REID. I have a second-degree amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] proposes an amendment numbered No. 2879 to amendment No. 2878.

The amendment is as follows:

In the amendment, strike "5 days" and insert "4 days".

MOTION TO COMMIT WITH AMENDMENT NO. 2880

Mr. REID. I have a motion to commit the bill with instructions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] moves to commit the bill (S. 3525) to the Committee on Energy, with instructions to report back with the following amendment numbered 2880.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end, adding the following new section:
SEC. ____.

This Act shall become effective 3 days after enactment.

Mr. REID. I ask for the yeas and nays on that motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 2881

Mr. REID. I have an amendment to the instructions that is also at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] proposes an amendment numbered 2881 to the instructions to commit S. 3525.

The amendment is as follows:

In the amendment, strike "3 days" and insert "2 days".

Mr. REID. I ask for the yeas and nays on that amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 2882 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2881

Mr. REID. I have a second-degree amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] proposes an amendment numbered 2882 to amendment No. 2881.

The amendment is as follows:

In the amendment, strike “2 days” and insert “1 day”.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. I have a cloture motion on the bill that is already at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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, hereby move to bring to a close debate on S. 3525, a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

Harry Reid, Jon Tester, Kent Conrad, Joe Manchin III, Jeff Bingaman, John D. Rockefeller IV, Benjamin L. Cardin, Ben Nelson, Max Baucus, Jeanne Shaheen, Mark Pryor, Christopher A. Coons, Al Franken, Amy Klobuchar, Jim Webb, Mark R. Warner, Michael F. Bennet.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent mandatory quorum in accordance with rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to Calendar No. 419.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] moves to proceed to Calendar No. 419, S. 3254, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribed military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we are going to complete work on this bill, that is the one we had prior to the clerk announcing the Defense authorization bill. We are going to complete the work on the sportsmen's bill before we go home for Thanksgiving. People are going to have an opportunity to vote for that bill, either for it or against it. As I indicated, it is a widely popular bill. If Republicans want to drag it down and kill it as they have a lot of other things, they will have that opportunity to do that. We have more than 20 bills that are important to sportsmen around the country.

As I said a few minutes ago, I cannot imagine why we are still fighting the battles of the last election. We are going to have a vote on cyber security. I spoke to the chairman of the committee a short time ago, Senator LIEBERMAN. He is going to come over tomorrow and give a speech about the importance of this legislation. He and Senator COLLINS have worked so hard

to come up with a bill. They have compromised and compromised and compromised until the point where people are going to have an opportunity to talk on this also. Senator LIEBERMAN is going to talk about how important this bill is to protect our country.

I left the White House an hour or two ago. They believe, the President of the United States believes the cyber security bill is one of the most important issues facing this Congress now—not next Congress, now. I have said on a number of occasions that the Pentagon and the intelligence community believe this legislation is vitally important to the safety and security of our country. So before Thanksgiving we are going to finish the sportsmen's bill. The Republicans can either kill the cyber security bill—they have been following the lead of the Chamber of Commerce, which is an arm for the Republican Party anymore. It is just a front for the Republican Party. They spent huge amounts of money that they get from unknown sources to defeat Democrats. They wasted their money this time. But that is the way it is.

They are opposing this bill for not any logical reason, and then Senators LEVIN and MCCAIN have asked to go to Defense authorization. I think, if this bill is as important as they say it is—and they say it is important—I know how Senator LEVIN and Senator MCCAIN feel about it—it looks like they would clear up some of this stuff that is standing in the way of getting that bill done.

I think it is a bridge too far to complete the Defense authorization bill before we leave, but we need to get on that bill. We are not going to stall around on this and spend weeks on the Defense authorization bill. I have told the two managers of that bill, Senator MCCAIN and Senator LEVIN, that is the case, and that is what we are going to do before Thanksgiving.

I would like to get out of here so we can go home to our States, our families, for Thanksgiving early, but if we have to stay here until the day before Thanksgiving, we are going to do it.

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

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

SPORTSMEN'S ACT OF 2012

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I rise in support of the Sportsmen's Act of 2012, which is Senate bill No. 3525. This bill is a set of bipartisan proposals that enjoys overwhelming support in the sportsmen's community, and I was glad to see it clear another procedural hurdle just a short time ago. As the majority leader did, I urge my colleagues to give it final approval as quickly as we possibly can.

I wish to share some of the reasons why I think it is so important to get

this bill to the President's desk. As the name implies, the Sportsmen's Act is focused on helping the Nation's 88 million sports men and women. They want, more than anything, responsible access to Federal lands and the conservation of critical habitat and species and that is exactly what this bill does.

By dedicating 1.5 percent of Land and Water Conservation Fund dollars to improve access for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes, sportsmen will be able to make better use of our public lands. By giving the States greater flexibility over the use of Federal dollars to build shooting ranges, sportsmen will have more places to safely sharpen their marksmanship skills and sighting their rifles for the hunting season.

By reauthorizing many critical habitat investment programs—for example, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act—we are ensuring that sportsmen will have places to continue our proud hunting and fishing heritage.

The benefits of the Sportsmen's Act of 2012 will fall most directly on America's hunters and anglers, but outdoor enthusiasts of all stripes will reap the rewards. By improving the outdoor experience of all Americans, I am hoping future generations will more readily take up our outdoor traditions.

I know my colleague from Colorado will join me in commending Senator TESTER for putting this package together. He has taken ideas from both Democrats and Republicans to create the greatest legislative boon for sportsmen in a generation, and that is why over 50 of the leading sportsmen's groups in our country support his bill.

I am particularly grateful to Senator TESTER for including a bipartisan provision I authored—the Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act. This act will encourage the development of high-quality public shooting ranges by giving the States greater flexibility over Federal dollars they already receive for certain wildlife restoration and hunter education programs.

Since these funds come from an existing excise tax on shooting and archery equipment, this bipartisan proposal doesn't cost our taxpayers a dime and instead simply helps those paying into the system—which are primarily sportsmen—to get a better return on their investment.

Earlier this year, I asked our fellow Coloradans to tell me why they support my efforts and why they would like to see more high-quality shooting ranges, and I wish to close with some of their words.

Donald, from Pagosa Springs, CO, said:

We desperately need a range facility in our area to be able to continue teaching our kids and those who are new to hunting how to safely handle firearms.

From Gary, in Aurora, CO: