

Further, I ask that following the vote on the Nunn amendment the Senate proceed to a cloture vote with respect to the DOD authorization bill with the mandatory quorum waived.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, there will be a vote, then, on the Nunn-Lugar-Domenici amendment, to be followed, if necessary, by a vote on a motion to invoke cloture, beginning at 9:40 a.m. tomorrow morning. The cloture vote may be vitiated if a reasonable list of amendments can be reached. However, if the cloture vote occurs, and it is invoked, it is hoped that the Senate will complete action on the defense bill in a timely manner. If cloture is not invoked, Senators who have amendments are encouraged to offer those amendments during Thursday's session to enable the Senate to complete action on the bill this week.

As I said earlier, if we do not get it done tomorrow night, we will go into Friday, and beyond that, if necessary. Rollcall votes will occur throughout tomorrow's session.

Mr. FORD. Will the Senator yield?

Mr. LOTT. I yield the floor.

Mr. FORD. Regarding the time allotted to Senator DORGAN from 8:45 to 9:00, would you kindly change that to be Senator BRADLEY?

Mr. LOTT. I am glad to amend the unanimous consent request agreement to that effect, if Senator DORGAN agrees with that.

Mr. FORD. Yes.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

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The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. NUNN. Mr. President, in just a moment, Senator LUGAR, myself, and Senator DOMENICI will explain this amendment. I know the chairman of the committee would like to make some comments on the amendment.

At this point, I will yield the floor for whatever the chairman is prepared to say.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina is recognized.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise in support of the amendment offered by the Senators from Georgia, New Mexico, and Indiana, to authorize the establishment of an emergency assistance program to train and equip State and local authorities to respond to domestic terrorist use of weapons of mass destruction.

The amendment would also expand authorities for the DOD and DOE cooperative threat reduction programs, as well as increase the funding for these programs.

I have grave concerns about increasing the funding for DOD and DOE's cooperative threat reduction programs, as well as expanding the scope of the programs in DOD and DOE.

Based on my review of the amendment and the new activities authorized by this amendment, DOD and DOE will require significant funding authority in the outyears to complete these programs.

For example, how much money are we talking about in the defense bill to complete the program to replace the reactor cores at Tomsk 7 and Krasnoyarsk 26?

How much money will it take to convert, or eliminate, the chemical and biological facilities in all the independent states of the former Soviet Union?

We have not received any information from DOD, DOE, or the National Security Council on the budgetary impact of the increases for these two programs, or whether funds will be included in the future years defense plan for this program, as well as DOE plan.

I would point out that none of the funds necessary for the increases in this amendment have been appropriated.

Mr. President, I believe the efforts of the sponsors of this amendment are laudable. I do not question whether its appropriate, or not, to conduct these programs. I question whether its appropriate for the funds to come out of the defense budget for these foreign assistance programs.

I would also point out that DOE has not even spent the funds authorized for it currently in the materials, protection, control and accountability account. The same is true for funds in DOD's program. Although DOD has done a better job at proposing to obligate funds.

Clearly, with the recent terrorist events at the World Trade Center, in Oklahoma City, and in the Tokyo subway, we need to provide assistance to our State and local authorities to prepare them to provide emergency assistance, in the event a domestic terrorist WMD incident occurs.

I think that we should provide more in the way of establishing this particular program, and providing a regional NBC emergency stockpile.

I want to commend the senior Senator from Virginia, Senator WARNER, for the work that he has done throughout the years to ensure that DOD, DOE and the intelligence community are conducting activities to prevent or combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. I also want to commend him for his work in authoring the provisions in the last two defense bills that provided the authority for DOD to provide emergency assistance to State and local authorities in the event of a domestic terrorist WMD incident.

I want to work with my colleagues, however, I want to emphasize my concerns about increasing funds in the DOD and DOE budget for cooperative

threat reduction activities, for which there are no appropriations.

Lastly, I would ask, is it wise for the United States to provide this type of assistance to Russia, while it continues to build SS-25's; continues to transfer nuclear technology and knowledge to Iran and China?

Mr. President, in closing, I want to re-emphasize my support for the efforts of the sponsors to provide assistance to State and local authorities to respond to domestic terrorist use of WMD. I hope that we can increase the funding for this assistance in the conference.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to commend the distinguished chairman of the Armed Services Committee. I particularly thank him for the references to the work he and I and others on the committee have done in previous years, which, in some respects, laid a modest foundation for the important additions that are presented in the amendment soon to be submitted by the senior Senator from Georgia.

However, I share with the chairman the views that I have, which coincide with his, regarding these expenditures at this particular time. And in the course of the deliberation on this amendment, I shall address specific questions to the Senator from Georgia, the Senator from New Mexico and, indeed, the Senator from Indiana on the points the chairman has raised.

Mr. NUNN. Mr. President, I first thank the chairman of the committee, as well as Senator WARNER, for their support of this amendment. I am pleased that we are able to present it this evening and that we are likely to get a vote on it tomorrow.

Mr. President, this amendment deals with one of the most urgent national security problems America faces today. That is the threat of attack on American cities and towns by terrorists, malcontents, or representatives of hostile powers using radiological, chemical, biological, or nuclear weapons.

Mr. President, because Senator LUGAR is on the floor, Senator DOMENICI is on the floor, and my statement will probably run 15 to 20 minutes, I ask to be notified in 10 minutes, and then I intend to yield and complete my statement after they have made their remarks.

If the Chair could notify me when 10 minutes expires.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair will do so.

Mr. NUNN. This threat is very different from the threat of nuclear annihilation with which our Nation and the world has dealt during the cold war. During the cold war, both we and the Soviet Union recognized that either side could destroy the other within about an hour, but only at the price of its own destruction.

In the course of carrying out that mutual assured destruction, most of the rest of the civilized world would have been destroyed, in greater or lesser degree, as well. Today, this kind of