

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment will be so modified.

The amendment (No. 1679), as modified, is as follows:

On page 65, line 22, before the period at the end of the line, insert the following: "Provided, That it is the sense of the Senate funds made available under this heading shall be used for the submission to the appropriate committees of Congress by the Inspector General, a report on the extent to which air carriers and foreign carriers deny travel to airline consumers with non-refundable tickets from one carrier to another."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

The amendment (No. 1679), as modified, was agreed to.

Mr. SHELBY. I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 2561

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate considers the conference report to accompany the DOD authorization bill, the conference report be considered as having been read. I further ask that there be 2 hours for debate, to be equally divided between Senators WARNER and LEVIN or their designees, and following the conclusion or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to vote on adoption of the conference report, without any intervening action or debate.

I further ask consent that the Senate consideration of the conference report not be in order prior to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 1999.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, if I understand this correctly, what will happen now is there will be a period of 2 hours on DOD?

Mr. SHELBY. That starts Tuesday, September 21.

Mr. CHAFEE. How about on this Transportation legislation?

Mr. SHELBY. We are close to completing that. We are hoping to wind that up in the next few minutes.

Mr. CHAFEE. So we go to third reading.

Mr. SHELBY. Yes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request of the Senator from Alabama?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 2587

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 17, the Senate proceed to the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2587, the D.C. appropriations bill, and it be considered as follows: The report be considered as read, and there be

30 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form.

I further ask consent that following that debate the Senate proceed to a vote on the adoption of the conference report with no intervening action or debate.

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

Mr. SHELBY. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Massachusetts is recognized.

Mr. KERRY. I ask unanimous consent that I be permitted to proceed as in morning business for a few minutes, not very long.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I hope it could be limited to 5 minutes.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, it would be just about 5 minutes. If I could have a little leeway, I would appreciate it.

Mr. THOMAS. No objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The time limit is 5 minutes.

The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. KERRY. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. KERRY and Mr. SARBANES pertaining to the introduction of S. 1594 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. KERRY. I thank the Chair and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000—Continued

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, we are trying to get to the end of the Transportation appropriations bill. I think we are close. Maybe we can wind it up in just a few minutes and get a vote. In the meantime, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

AMENDMENTS NOS. 1673, 1667, AND 1666, AS MODIFIED

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate

amendments numbered 1673, 1667, and 1666, as modified.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will report the amendments en bloc.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], for Mr. REID, proposes an amendment numbered 1673.

The Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], for Mr. THOMAS, for himself and Mr. ENZI, proposes an amendment numbered 1667.

The Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], for Mr. DURBIN, proposes an amendment numbered 1666, as modified.

The amendments (Nos. 1673, 1667, and 1666, as modified) are as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1673

At an appropriate place in the Federal-aid Highways (Limitations on Obligations) (Highway Trust Fund) section insert the following: "Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall, at the request of the State of Nevada, transfer up to \$10,000,000 of Minimum Guarantee apportionments, and an equal amount of obligation authority, to the State of California for use on High Priority Project No. 829 'Widen I-15 in San Bernardino County,' Section 1602 of Public Law 105-178."

AMENDMENT NO. 1667

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

SEC. . For purposes of Section 5117(b)(5) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, the cost sharing provisions of Section 5001(b) of that Act shall not apply.

AMENDMENT NO. 1666, AS MODIFIED

(Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate regarding the need for reimbursement to the Village of Bourbonnais and Kankakee County, Illinois, for crash rescue and cleanup incurred in relation to the March 15, 1999, Amtrak train accident)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that the Village of Bourbonnais, Illinois and Kankakee County, Illinois, have incurred significant costs for the rescue and cleanup related to the Amtrak train accident of March 15, 1999. These costs have created financial burdens for the Village, the County, and other adjacent municipalities.

(b) The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) conducted a thorough investigation of the accident and opened the public docket on the matter on September 7, 1999. To date, NTSB has made no conclusions or determinations of probable cause.

(c) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the Village of Bourbonnais, Illinois, Kankakee County, Illinois, and any other related municipalities should consistent with applicable laws against any party, including the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), found to be responsible for the accident, be able to recover all necessary costs of rescue and cleanup efforts related to the March 15, 1999, accident.

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, these amendments have been cleared by both sides; therefore, I urge their immediate adoption.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

The question is on agreeing to the amendments, en bloc.

The amendments (Nos. 1666, 1667, and 1673, as modified), en bloc, were agreed to.