

responsibly and to repay their debts, but I also know that some families are hit by unexpected hardships.

This bill should not have the effect of targeting our most vulnerable consumers—women who are left with little resources as their husbands who were the primary breadwinners leave the family; or families with no health insurance who are struck with financial hardship when one family member becomes critically ill; or another family who suddenly finds that the primary breadwinner is laid off with little employment opportunities available in the region.

These are not the families who need to be further stuck by hardship of bankruptcy reform that is inflexible or overly harsh on debtors.

I voted for the S. 420, the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2001, because I believed and still do believe that there were some important protections added to the Senate bill, but I will absolutely not vote in favor of the final bankruptcy reform bill if it does not include at least these minimal protections for our most vulnerable consumers.

During the floor debate on S. 420, the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2001, I worked with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to add additional protections for women and children. I worked hard to ensure that once bankruptcy is complete, we do more to ensure that single mothers can collect the child support they depend upon. Senator HATCH and I passed an amendment to ensure that the holder of the claim, meaning the parent with custody of the child, most often the mother, is informed by the bankruptcy trustee of his or her right to have the State child support agency collect the nondischargeable child support from the ex-spouse. I believe this change will help inform women of their rights to have the State help them in their claims to collect child support.

In addition, I was concerned about competing non-dischargeable debt so I worked hard with Senator BOXER to ensure that more credit card debt can be erased so that women who use their credit cards for food, clothing and medical expenses in the 90 days before bankruptcy do not have to litigate each and every one of these expenses for the first \$750.

These are the most minimal of changes that I believe need to be in the final bill. I still do not believe that they go far enough. I believe that the final bill should protect child support full stop. I do not believe that child support should have to compete with any credit card debt. But it should certainly not retreat from these changes. The cap on protected expenses should not be lowered to the House version of \$250.

I also believe that the bill needs to include Senator SCHUMER's amendment to ensure that any debts resulting from any act of violence, intimidation, or threat would be nondischargeable. It was a victory for the Senate to include

this important amendment to ensure that those who are responsible for violence against women's health clinics are held responsible for their actions. I do not believe we should retreat on this point.

Let me be clear. This bill should go further to protect consumers, but it should certainly not retreat from the consumer protections in the bill.

I will vote for cloture on this bill, but I believe that as we move to conference we need to continue to work to ensure that we continue to gain more balance between creditors and debtors.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the motion to invoke cloture.

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 the debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 17, H.R. 333, the bankruptcy reform bill:

Harry Reid, John Breaux, James M. Jeffords, Ben Nelson of Nebraska, Daniel K. Inouye, Max Baucus, Blanche L. Lincoln, Evan Bayh, Zell Miller, Joseph I. Lieberman, Byron L. Dorgan, Daniel K. Akaka, Kent Conrad, Chuck Grassley, Robert Torricelli, and Joe Biden.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to proceed to H.R. 333, an act to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes, shall be brought to a close? The yeas and nays are required under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. FITZGERALD (when his name was called). Present.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) is necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) would vote "aye."

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 88, nays 10, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 230 Leg.]

YEAS—88

Akaka	Bayh	Bond
Allard	Bennett	Breaux
Allen	Biden	Bunning
Baucus	Bingaman	Burns

Byrd	Hatch	Nelson (NE)
Campbell	Helms	Nickles
Carnahan	Hollings	Reed
Carper	Hutchinson	Reid
Chafee	Inhofe	Roberts
Cleland	Inouye	Rockefeller
Clinton	Jeffords	Santorum
Cochran	Johnson	Sarbanes
Collins	Kennedy	Schumer
Conrad	Kerry	Sessions
Craig	Kohl	Shelby
Crapo	Kyl	Smith (NH)
Daschle	Landrieu	Smith (OR)
DeWine	Leahy	Snowe
Domenici	Levin	Specter
Dorgan	Lieberman	Stabenow
Edwards	Lincoln	Stevens
Ensign	Lott	Thomas
Enzi	Lugar	Thompson
Feinstein	McCain	Thurmond
Frist	McConnell	Torricelli
Graham	Mikulski	Voinovich
Gramm	Miller	Warner
Grassley	Murkowski	Wyden
Gregg	Murray	
Hagel	Nelson (FL)	

NAYS—10

Boxer	Dodd	Hutchison
Brownback	Durbin	Wellstone
Corzine	Feingold	
Dayton	Harkin	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Fitzgerald

NOT VOTING—1

Cantwell

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. LINCOLN). If there are no Senators wishing to vote or change their vote, on this vote the yeas are 88, the nays are 10, and one Senator responded "present." Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

BANKRUPTCY ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2001

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 333) to amend title 11, United States Code, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from Vermont is recognized.

AMENDMENT NO. 974

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, pursuant to the order of July 9, 2001, I send a substitute amendment on behalf of myself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. GRASSLEY to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. GRASSLEY, proposes an amendment numbered 974.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Amendments Submitted and Proposed.")

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, on behalf of the majority leader, I send a cloture motion to 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 the substitute amendment No. 974, the text of S. 420, as passed by the Senate, for H.R. 333, the bankruptcy reform bill:

John Breaux, Harry Reid, Byron Dorgan, E. Benjamin Nelson of Nebraska, Kent Conrad, Thomas Carper, Chuck Grassley, Daniel Inouye, Joe Biden, Robert Torricelli, Joseph Lieberman, Blanche Lincoln, Max Baucus, Zell Miller, James Jeffords, Tim Johnson, and Patrick Leahy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the matter is laid aside until Tuesday, July 17, 2001, at 9 a.m.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I yield the floor.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of H.R. 2217, which the clerk will report by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Byrd amendment No. 880, to make a technical correction.

Nelson of Florida amendment No. 893, to prohibit the use of funds to execute a final lease agreement for oil and gas development in the area of the Gulf of Mexico known as "Lease Sale 181."

AMENDMENT NO. 893

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be 4 minutes of debate prior to a vote in relation to the Nelson amendment No. 893.

Who yields time?

The Senator from Florida.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Madam President, I yield myself 2 minutes. I say to Senator GRAHAM, if he would like some time of the 2 minutes for closing, I will certainly yield to him.

Madam President, yesterday we had the Durbin amendment, and it was not tabled by a vote of 57-42. It was on the issue of oil drilling in national monuments, national treasures.

Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, the beaches of Florida are national treasures to us because of the importance of the beaches to our economy. If there is an oilspill, and a slick comes in on one of our beaches, it will shut down a beach, such as Clearwater Beach, for years and years. In an economy with a \$50 billion tourism industry, in the Nation's fourth largest State, that is simply not worth the risk to us in Florida.

For the first time, the eastern planning area of the gulf, which heretofore

has not been drilled, save for one test drill up here, is being invaded by this offering for lease of 1.5 million acres coming across the line. It is inevitable, in the march eastward, it would go straight toward Tampa Bay.

This is a matter of national treasure to us. You all honored that yesterday in adopting the Durbin amendment, by not allowing drilling in the areas of national monuments. Senator GRAHAM and I ask that you join with us today in helping us preserve our national treasure.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

The Senator from Louisiana.

Mr. BREAUX. I yield 1 minute to my colleague from Louisiana.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Madam President, I rise to oppose this amendment and urge my colleagues to join with Senator BREAUX, myself, and others—a bipartisan group—in opposing this amendment.

We have a problem in this Nation. Our demand for energy is too high and our supply is not great enough. We use 30 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. We only have 25 trillion cubic feet. We think the Gulf of Mexico, in places far from the shores of Florida, has an ample supply of natural gas.

Let us not move in the wrong direction. Our country needs us to respond in a positive way. This is not a new area. It is rich with natural gas. It was a compromise reached by a Democratic administration with many environmental organizations and with the industry. It is moderate.

If you are for rolling blackouts and high prices, vote with Senator NELSON. If you are for reasonable energy policy, vote with me when I move, on behalf of Senator BREAUX, to table this amendment.

I yield the Senator 30 seconds.

Mr. BREAUX. How much time do we have remaining?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has 1 minute remaining.

Mr. BREAUX. I thank the Chair.

I bring to the attention of my colleagues, lease sale 181 was proposed by President Bill Clinton. It was this entire tract of area that I show you on this map. Democratic President Bill Clinton proposed it. The Democratic Governor of Florida at the time was Governor Lawton Chiles, our former colleague. He agreed to lease sale 181 because he took into consideration where it was located. They signed off on it.

In addition to that, the Democratic energy bill offered by our chairman, JEFF BINGAMAN, calls for going forward with lease sale 181. The potential natural gas in this lease sale, which has now been reduced in size by 75 percent, could supply 7 years' worth of natural gas to the State of Florida.

I ask, if we can't drill for oil and natural gas in the Gulf of Mexico, where in the world are we going to find it?

I think we should table the Nelson amendment. It is bad energy policy. It is not appropriate to undermine the carefully balanced proposal by President Clinton and also now by President Bush. We should table the amendment.

Ms. LANDRIEU. I move to table the amendment and ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The question is on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 893.

The clerk will call the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 67, nays 33, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 231 Leg.]

YEAS—67

Akaka	Dorgan	Miller
Allard	Ensign	Murkowski
Allen	Enzi	Murray
Baucus	Feinstein	Nelson (NE)
Bennett	Fitzgerald	Nickles
Bingaman	Frist	Roberts
Bond	Gramm	Santorum
Breaux	Grassley	Schumer
Brownback	Gregg	Sessions
Bunning	Hagel	Shelby
Burns	Hatch	Smith (NH)
Campbell	Helms	Smith (OR)
Cantwell	Hutchinson	Snowe
Carper	Hutchison	Specter
Chafee	Inhofe	Stevens
Clinton	Johnson	Thomas
Cochran	Kyl	Thompson
Collins	Landrieu	Thurmond
Conrad	Lincoln	Torricelli
Craig	Lott	Voinovich
Crapo	Lugar	Warner
DeWine	McCain	
Domenici	McConnell	

NAYS—33

Bayh	Edwards	Levin
Biden	Feingold	Lieberman
Boxer	Graham	Mikulski
Byrd	Harkin	Nelson (FL)
Carnahan	Hollings	Reed
Cleland	Inouye	Reid
Corzine	Jeffords	Rockefeller
Daschle	Kennedy	Sarbanes
Dayton	Kerry	Stabenow
Dodd	Kohl	Wellstone
Durbin	Leahy	Wyden

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I move to reconsider the vote.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. REID. Madam President, it is my understanding that we automatically go to the Interior bill, is that right, for the purpose of further debate and amendment?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is correct.

Mr. REID. The Senator from Oregon has an amendment he wishes to offer.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon is recognized.

AMENDMENT NO. 899

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. REED). The pending amendment will be set aside and the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows.

The Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH of Oregon] proposes an amendment numbered 899.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that further reading of the amendment be dispensed with.