

SA 1914. Mr. LEAHY proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 121, line 10, after "1961," insert the following: "including in areas where population growth threatens biodiversity or endangered species,".

SA 1915. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. MCCONNELL)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 219, line 15, strike everything after "That" through "equipment" on line 24, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "not more than 15 percent of the funds may be used for administrative and representational expenses, including expenditures for salaries, office rent and equipment: *Provided further*, That not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations regarding plans for the expenditure of funds under this section: *Provided further*, That funds made available under this heading are made available subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committee on Appropriations".

SA 1916. Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

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

SEC. . REPORTS ON CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG.

(a) Section 301 of the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act (22 U.S.C. 5731) is amended by striking "and March 31, 2000," and inserting: "March 31, 2000, March 31, 2001, March 31, 2002, March 31, 2003, March 31, 2004, March 31, 2005, and March 31, 2006".

(b) The requirement in section 301 of the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act, as amended by subsection (a), that a report under that section shall be transmitted not later than March 31, 2001, shall be considered satisfied by the transmittal of such report by August 7, 2001.

SA 1917. Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 155, line 21, after "later" insert the following: "*Provided further*, That the ninth proviso under the heading "Foreign Military Financing Program" in title III of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2001, as enacted by Public Law 106-429, is amended by inserting "or 2002" after "2001".

SA 1918. Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, ex-

port financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 225, line 18, after "any" insert the following: "new project involving the".

On page 226, line 16, strike "15" and insert in lieu thereof: "10".

On page 227, lines 5 and 6, strike "United States executive directors of the international financial institutions" and insert in lieu thereof: "Secretary of the Treasury".

On page 227, line 17, strike "Agreement and its Annexes" and insert in lieu thereof: "Accords".

SA 1919. Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 125, line 1, strike "\$25,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$35,000".

SA 1920. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 137, strike everything after "available" on line 9 through "schools" on line 12 and insert in lieu thereof: "to support an education initiative in Armenia to provide computer equipment and internet access to Armenian primary and secondary schools".

SA 1921. Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 232, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

WAIVER OF RESTRICTION ON ASSISTANCE TO
AZERBAIJAN

SEC. 581. Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act (Public Law 102-511; 22 U.S.C. 5812 note) is amended—

(1) by striking "United States" and inserting "(a) RESTRICTION.—United States"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:
"(b) WAIVER.—The President is authorized to waive the restriction in subsection (a) if the President determines that it is in the national security interest of the United States to do so.".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 23, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to consider the nominations of Joseph E. Schmitz to be Inspector General, Department of Defense and Sandra L. Paack to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DODD. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 23, 2001 at 10:15 a.m. to hold a hearing.

Agenda

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings (Treaty Doc. 106-6) and International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (Treaty Doc. 106-49).

Witnesses: The Honorable Francis X. Taylor, Coordinator for Counter-terrorism, Department of State, Washington, DC; the Honorable William H. Taft, IV, Legal Adviser, Department of State, Washington, DC; the Honorable Michael Chertoff, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Brian Hanley, a fellow in my office, be allowed to be in the Chamber throughout the debate on the foreign operations appropriations bill.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—
S. 739

Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 191, and I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendment be agreed to, the amendment to the title be agreed to, the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

This is the veterans homeless bill. This is a bill that provides support for homeless veterans.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, on behalf of another Member on this side of the aisle and not myself, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, I very much appreciate the Senator from Kentucky saying that the objection is not on his behalf. I say to whoever is objecting that I am going to do this every day. I would like to know who objects. It is interesting. I am not going to mix the agenda. But in all due respect, it is hardly helpful to veterans to object to a piece of legislation that passed with unanimous support out of the veterans committee of Republicans and Democrats alike focusing on what is a national scandal.

If you look at the number of men who are homeless—there are too many women and children—probably about 30 percent of them are veterans. Many of

them are Vietnam veterans. Many of them struggle with addictions.

This piece of legislation was a bipartisan piece of legislation coming out of committee. LANE EVANS has done great work for veterans in the House of Representatives. He has taken the lead. It is legislation named after Katie Marie Harman, who is Miss America. Her dad is a disabled veteran. She has made it her priority.

I say to whoever is objecting that I would like for them to come out on the floor of the Senate and object. Tomorrow I will spend as much time as I can finding out who is objecting to this piece of legislation. Pretty soon we will either find out, and we can work it out together, or I will figure out a way to come out on the floor with this legislation and take a long time talking about what is on for veterans and the health care needs in particular.

The fact that I can't even move a piece of legislation that passed with unanimous support out of a committee that deals with providing a little bit of help to homeless veterans—I am not being histrionic; I am not trying to be melodramatic—is just plain maddening.

My God, in order to have a piece of legislation that deals with universal health care coverage and national health insurance, there can be a debate about the role of the Government.

Economic stimulus, I hope we will have that debate. There are many other issues. But when you take the most modest step that you can think of—I will start outlining the provisions of this bill tomorrow when I get a chance—and you have support among Republicans and Democrats in the committee and you believe you can move it and you have a lot of veterans who are hopeful about it—a number of them came from all around the country to testify for this legislation—then we have some anonymous objection.

That is enough said for tonight. I hope tomorrow I can find out who is objecting and that we can pass this by unanimous consent.

I was working on amendments for this foreign operations appropriations bill. I want to let Senator REID, the whip, and other Senators know that the first thing tomorrow morning, or whatever best accommodates the Senate's schedule, I will come to the floor with amendments and be ready to go with time limits.

I will be very anxious to get done tomorrow. I am glad we are in session. I am glad we are on this piece of legislation.

Mr. REID. Madam President, that is very good. We want to finish this bill as quickly as we can. It is an important piece of legislation. We talked about it for a long time today. We are going to come in tomorrow at 10:30. If the Senator can be here at 10:30, as soon as we finish the business of the day, we will move right to his amendments. I would like to be able to tell the managers.

How many amendments will the Senator have tomorrow?

Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, if it is OK, I will ask unanimous consent when we come back on the floor that I be allowed to introduce the first amendment.

Mr. REID. The managers are not here. I wouldn't like to do that without their being here. How many amendments is the Senator going to have?

Mr. WELLSTONE. Three amendments. I will have one amendment that deals with the humanitarian crisis right now in Afghanistan. I am hoping the managers will accept it. I think it is a good statement. I think it is exactly what we are committed to as a nation.

I will take 20 seconds tonight to say that the President—and he was eloquent—said our military effort is not aimed at the innocent people in Afghanistan; we are going after terrorists and those who harbor terrorists. I think one of the best ways we can show that we are good people who commit by way of deed is to make a serious effort on the humanitarian front. We are going to have hundreds of thousands of children who are going to starve to death. The first amendment is going to be a resolution that talks about the need to make this a priority.

The second one is going to deal with the Andean plan, Colombia, and some of my concerns about human rights. The third one will be also a human rights amendment. I can do all of these with a time limit.

Mr. REID. Senator DURBIN and I spoke at some length on the floor this morning about the war in Afghanistan. It is certainly not against the people of Afghanistan. It is against the Taliban, which has treated people so brutally, especially women.

There are some good provisions in this bill already that relate to aid generally for the people of Afghanistan. So I personally look forward to hearing the Senator tomorrow. I am sure the managers look forward to his amendments. I am sure they would look forward to some reasonable time agreement to move forward on those amendments as quickly as possible. Hopefully one, two, or three of them can be accepted tomorrow.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I thank the majority whip. I hope one, two, and three of them will be accepted as well. That would be a first for me, but I will certainly try.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

Mr. REID. Will the Senator withhold that, please?

Mr. WELLSTONE. I withhold and yield the floor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar Nos. 464 through 469, 476 through 489, and the nominations at the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Phillip Bond, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

John H. Marburger, III, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

COAST GUARD

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) James C. Olson, 7892
Rear Adm. (lh) James W. Underwood, 8189
Rear Adm. (lh) Ralph D. Utley, 9691
Rear Adm. (lh) Kenneth T. Venuto, 2213

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Dale G. Gabel, 5350
Capt. Jeffrey M. Garrett, 5563
Capt. David W. Kunkel, 1601
Capt. David B. Peterman, 1735

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Duncan C. Smith, III, 8281

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Stephen W. Rochon, 4866

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Jay S. Bybee, of Nevada, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Anna Mills S. Wagoner, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Margaret M. Chiara, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Thomas C. Gean, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

James Ming Greenlee, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Raymond W. Gruender, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Daniel G. Bogden, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

Thomas M. DiBiagio, of Maryland, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland for the term of four years.