

With that, I yield the floor, Madam President, and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The absence of a quorum has been suggested. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CLINTON). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, yesterday was the 1:30 p.m. filing deadline. The Baucus-Grassley amendment was not part of the substitute then so people couldn't draft amendments to that section. To be fair, I ask unanimous consent that Members have until 1 p.m. tomorrow to file first-degree amendments to the Baucus-Grassley title and that Members have until 10 a.m. Thursday to file possible second-degree amendments to those amendments.

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

Mr. DASCHLE. I thank the Chair and yield the floor. 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. DASCHLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I have noted on a couple of occasions this morning that it was our intention, in close consultation with the distinguished Republican leader, to see if we might find a way to bring closure to the bill, either with or without cloture. But I ask unanimous consent that immediately following cloture, notwithstanding the cloture vote, and notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the Senate resume consideration of the energy bill with the opportunity of each leader or his designee to offer seven amendments which are either energy or tax related.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Republican leader.

Mr. LOTT. Reserving the right to object, and I will not object, I want to say again, this is the right way to proceed. We have been on this legislation for 5 weeks. We have had a full debate. Senators on both sides of the aisle have had opportunities to offer their amendments. This will give us seven more opportunities on each side. We will have to get a limit. We will have to have a process, which will not be easy for either one of us. But we have discussed this in our caucus. We are prepared to accept the limitation. This would also be the process that would get us to a conclusion by, I believe, Thursday or Friday, at the latest, of this week.

I support this initiative, and it is a bipartisan effort. I thank Senator

DASCHLE for making the request. I withdraw my reservation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from California.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Madam President, reserving the right to object, I would like to ask the majority leader if three amendments would be considered among his amendments. The first would be Senator SCHUMER's amendment to remove the ethanol mandate, the renewable fuels mandate from the bill; second would be Senator BOXER's amendment to remove the safe harbor provisions relating to liability; and the third would be my amendment to remove PADDs I and PADDs V from the renewable fuels requirement.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I certainly want to work with the distinguished Senator from California to accommodate her and other Senators who wish to be heard on the ethanol question. I know this is a very important matter for them. At this point, I would not be able to confirm that three of those seven amendments would be related to ethanol, although I would not want to assume that they would not be part of it.

I think we would want to negotiate with all of our colleagues to accommodate as many Senators with an interest in offering amendments as possible. Keep in mind, as I said earlier, this is in addition to, cloture notwithstanding. Those amendments that are eligible to be offered postcloture, we anticipate they would still be offered. It could be, and I would guess most likely would be, the case that one or more of those amendments would be able to be offered without the inclusion in this unanimous consent request.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. In response to the majority leader, if I may, Madam President, we do not know at this time whether they would all be germane under the bill. Based on the fact that the majority leader is only reserving seven spaces and will not permit three spaces for this, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. DASCHLE. I yield the floor. 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. STEVENS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. Madam President, I had a commitment to offer an amendment to the energy bill dealing with the right of the Eskimo people of Alaska to proceed with oil and gas development on their lands. This weekend I conferred with them and their representatives, and they would prefer not to raise that issue at this time and to allow the process to go forward in terms of the energy bill and in terms of

their rights which they may wish to raise at another time but do not wish to have me raise at this time.

Under the circumstances, I want the manager of the bill to know we will not offer the amendment that would permit drilling on the lands in the Kaktovik area that are owned by the Kaktovik Eskimos, and the subsurface rights owned by the North Slope Borough. I believe the decision is a right one, and I am going to honor their request not to introduce the amendment at this time.

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

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

#### RECESS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess begin now rather than at 12:30 p.m.

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

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:28 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. MILLER).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

#### NATIONAL LABORATORIES PARTNERSHIP IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2001—Continued

MODIFICATION OF SUBMITTED AMENDMENT NO.

3274

Mr. REID. Mr. President, Senator LANDRIEU has timely filed an amendment, No. 3274, but there was a typographical error on page 2, I am told. This has been reviewed by the minority, and they have no problem with our doing this. I ask consent this be allowed.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum and ask unanimous consent the time be charged equally against both sides.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Who yields time?

AMENDMENT NO. 3257 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2917, AS MODIFIED

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that amendment No. 3257 be modified with the change that is at the desk, the amendment be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.