

concerns. But the understanding is we will come back and address the issues in his amendment at some point in some way on the floor if that glidepath to satisfactory conclusion is not reached.

AMENDMENT NO. 3176 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2944

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, on behalf of myself, Senator McCAIN, and Senator LIEBERMAN, I send a second-degree amendment to the pending amendment to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], for herself, Mr. McCAIN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN, proposes an amendment numbered 3176 to amendment No. 2944.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the 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 "Text of Amendments.")

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be 2 hours equally divided between Senator COLLINS and Senator VOINOVICH or his designee. I further ask unanimous consent that there be 20 minutes equally for debate between Senator WYDEN and Senator SESSIONS or his designee. I further ask unanimous consent that following the use or yielding back of time the Senate proceed to a vote on the Collins amendment, to be followed immediately by a vote on the Wyden amendment, with no further intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, what we have done is cleared a way, with one amendment and calling up other amendments, with the glidepath that we will address two amendments shortly after our break for our policy lunches today. We, I think, can be on a glidepath thus of completing the lobbying reform bill before addressing the border security and immigration bills. Again, we have a lot of work to do, but that would be the intent.

There is one remaining piece of business we need to address, in terms of the cloture vote that is scheduled for this afternoon, and I will, before lunch, have a further unanimous consent about that as well.

At this juncture, 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. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture

vote with respect to S. 2454 be vitiated. I further ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined after further concurrence by the Democratic leader, the Senate proceed to S. 2454 and, further, that the bill be open for debate only during the first day of consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, very briefly to review, after our break today for lunch, our policy lunches, we will be on lobbying reform. We have two amendments which will be debated. We set up to 2 hours. I would think that time could be condensed. Further discussions will take place over our lunches on lobbying reform. At a point in time, we would expect after we finish with lobbying reform, we will go to the border security bill, and we will have more to say about how that will all be handled at a later date.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will stand in recess—

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I wonder if the majority leader would be willing to respond to a—

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when we return at 2:15 I be recognized for 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, reserving the right to object to the unanimous consent request, I believe that Senator COLLINS had offered an amendment and that she would be scheduled to be recognized first.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, if I might respond to my colleague, I am asking that I be recognized in morning business for 10 minutes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, what is the status of the proceedings? What is happening here?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There has been a unanimous consent request by the Senator from Illinois to speak at 2:15.

Mr. REID. Who has the floor now?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, will the Senator yield to me?

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, further reserving the right to object, the legislative business that is pending, what is the status of that, before the unanimous consent was made?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate is scheduled to have 2 hours equally divided between the Senator from Maine, Senator COLLINS, and—

Mr. LOTT. So Senator COLLINS would be recognized upon the return from the luncheon period to begin debate on the pending amendment?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Or Senator VOINOVICH or his designee.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, we have had so much difficulty in getting an

agreement to move forward on this legislation; we were not able to do it yesterday or this morning. I really hope that when we return from lunch, we go straight to the pending business and amendment. I would like to accommodate all of our colleagues, but we have struggled so hard to get to this point, I would have to object.

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

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be recognized at 2:15, when we return, for 10 minutes.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, but I will not object, I was not aware of the purpose of the request, and I understand the sensitivity and the timing of this. We will be prepared to proceed with Senator COLLINS at 2:25.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:50 p.m., recessed until 2:16 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. VOINOVICH).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to be recognized for 10 minutes in morning business. At this point, I yield 5 minutes to my colleague, Senator BARACK OBAMA, from Illinois.

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

The Senator from Illinois.

RETIREMENT OF LANE EVANS

Mr. OBAMA. Mr. President, I rise today, along with my colleague from Illinois, in a bittersweet moment. One of our dearest friends from Illinois, Congressman LANE EVANS, announced today that he will not be seeking reelection next term.

Since the day he arrived in Congress more than two decades ago, LANE EVANS has been a tireless advocate for the heroes with whom he served and the countless other veterans who bravely defended this country. When Vietnam vets were falling ill from Agent Orange exposure, he led the effort to pass Agent Orange compensation. Just recently, he led the fight to make sure the children of veterans exposed to Agent Orange who were born with spina bifida would be taken care of as well.