

Democratic amendment pending, of course, that of Senator MIKULSKI—I thought, until we get to the caucus, at least we could accomplish something by talking about the amendments we want to offer.

I will again make a unanimous consent request that after the two distinguished Senators from Florida speak about the Gators, there be 15 minutes a side to talk on the bill or amendments Members wish to offer. And if we do that, again, I realize we would alternate. On the Democratic side it would be Senator NELSON of Florida, Senator MENENDEZ, Senator LIBBERMAN, Senator SALAZAR, Senator DURBIN, and Senator KENNEDY.

I renew that request.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, might I direct an inquiry to the Senator from Vermont?

Mr. LEAHY. Certainly, Mr. President.

Mr. KYL. If the Senator from Vermont would agree to have the two Senators from Florida speak to their State's accomplishment, as you noted it, perhaps we could then work out the rest of it. I simply have an amendment I want to lay down and not to speak to it, but I hope nobody would object to that. That is what I wish to discuss with the Senator. Can we amend the unanimous consent request to get the conversation started and we can go back and see what we can work out to accommodate Senators?

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the two Senators from Florida be allowed to speak at this point about the Gators as in morning business, but I will then again request at least on our side we have an order of speakers as I have noted.

I ask unanimous consent now simply that the two distinguished Senators from Florida be allowed to speak as in morning business.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Florida.

#### CONGRATULATING THE FLORIDA GATORS

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, for anyone who watched on national TV or was privileged to be there in Indianapolis to see the game, there is a profound respect that is now accorded to the University of Florida Gators basketball achievement of being the national champions.

What teamwork. What individual accomplishment. But in that individual accomplishment, what teamwork. For all of that, certainly, a great deal of credit has to be given to the coach.

Florida has long been known as a football powerhouse. But the basketball coach of the University of Florida has now made it, in athletic history, a basketball powerhouse.

Floridians are celebrating this morning, as they have celebrated throughout the night, and with just occasion.

The Florida Gators, coming in, were not at the top seed. Indeed, at the beginning of the season the Florida Gators were not even ranked. Yet this incredible talent, all melded together in extraordinary teamwork, has produced a national champion.

This Senator joins with my colleague from Florida and we offer our heartiest congratulations. Later in the day we will be jointly offering a resolution.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Florida.

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. President, I join my colleague from Florida in congratulating the University of Florida, the Florida Gators, Jeremy Foley, the athletic director, Billy Donovan, the brilliant head coach, and all the members of that very distinguished team in their first historic national championship in basketball for a Florida school.

As a dyed-in-the-wool Florida State Seminole, I must say I take my hat off to the Gators. Today is a day for all Floridians to rejoice in this accomplishment and this victory.

In this accomplishment we have seen not only the magnificent leadership of the coach—and I think he ought to be recognized nationally for that—but also this team that worked and performed in such an unselfish way. We hear the phrase, “they were an unselfish team.” In this day and time, when it is the “me” culture—so much of it is about me, me, me—these guys played as a team. They passed the ball to each other, they contributed as a team, and all were able to make a contribution. The average margin of victory in the tournament was 16 points, which speaks volumes for this very tremendously competitive tournament.

But focusing on Billy Donovan, he is only 40 years old and is now competing in his second National Championship game—the unusual feat of doing it as a player with Providence and now doing it as a coach for the University of Florida. John Wooten, the much heralded and historic coach at UCLA who actually led the Bruins to victory against Florida State in 1972 in the final game, was at UCLA for 15 years before he won his first national title. Billy Donovan is way ahead of that mark.

Today is a terrific day to rejoice, for all Floridians to rejoice for this great accomplishment of teamwork, of a job well done. I will be very happy to join with the senior Senator from Florida in a joint resolution that we will make part of the record.

I want to make sure all in Gainesville and throughout the State know how proud we are here in the Nation's Capitol of the accomplishment of those young men who played so well and displayed such good sportsmanship and unselfishness.

I yield the floor.

#### SECURING AMERICA'S BORDERS ACT—Resumed

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the pending business.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2454) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Specter/Leahy amendment No. 3192, in the nature of a substitute.

Kyl/Cornyn amendment No. 3206 (to amendment No. 3192), to make certain aliens ineligible for conditional nonimmigrant work authorization and status.

Cornyn amendment No. 3207 (to amendment No. 3206), to establish an enactment date.

Isakson amendment No. 3215 (to amendment No. 3192), to demonstrate respect for legal immigration by prohibiting the implementation of a new alien guest worker program until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies to the President and the Congress that the borders of the United States are reasonably sealed and secured.

Dorgan amendment No. 3223 (to amendment No. 3192), to allow United States citizens under 18 years of age to travel to Canada without a passport, to develop a system to enable United States citizens to take 24-hour excursions to Canada without a passport, and to limit the cost of passport cards or similar alternatives to passports to \$20.

Mikulski/Warner amendment No. 3217 (to amendment No. 3192), to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Idaho.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, now that we are back on the immigration bill, I thought I might for a few moments discuss in general some of the provisions in it that I think are extremely important and that are being discussed by a good number of my colleagues. I understand the Senator from Colorado wishes to discuss in general an amendment he will offer later. I hope no one would object to that because it does not actually offer the amendments but allows the debate to move forward while the chairman and the ranking member are determining the schedule of events here.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, will the Senator from Idaho yield, without losing the floor, for a suggestion?

Mr. CRAIG. I yield for that purpose.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MARTINEZ). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, may it be in order to ask consent that when the distinguished Senator has finished speaking, the senior Senator from Florida be then recognized to speak, all sides retaining their rights, of course, on the offering of amendments?

Mr. CRAIG. With the understanding following that the Senator from Colorado will be recognized? Does that fit his schedule?

Mr. ALLARD. That will work out fine for me.

Mr. LEAHY. I ask further consent that following the distinguished Senator from Colorado the distinguished Senator from New Jersey, Mr. MENENDEZ, be then recognized.

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