

when the nexus between drug traffic and terrorist groups is becoming more acute, we need to make funding for our intelligence capabilities one of our highest priorities.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, the next vote will be on passage of the Defense appropriations bill. I congratulate the managers. It has been a job well done.

We are going to be on the port security bill tomorrow and on Monday. The managers are here, and they are ready to debate and take up amendments. We will not be voting tomorrow.

I remind my colleagues that we have scheduled an event on Monday at 6 o'clock to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. We invite all Members to participate.

There will be no more votes tonight. We will not be voting tomorrow. We want to have all opening statements tonight and tomorrow on the port security bill.

We will have announcements tomorrow morning as to whether we will be voting on Monday. The Democratic leader and I will make that announcement.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the engrossment of the amendments and third reading of the bill.

The amendments were ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read a third time.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The bill having been read for the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass? On this question, the yeas and nays have been ordered, and the clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. The following Senator was necessarily absent: The Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) is necessarily absent.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 98, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 239 Leg.]

YEAS—98

Akaka	Clinton	Feingold
Alexander	Coburn	Feinstein
Allard	Cochran	Frist
Allen	Coleman	Graham
Baucus	Collins	Grassley
Bayh	Conrad	Gregg
Bennett	Cornyn	Hagel
Biden	Craig	Harkin
Bingaman	Crapo	Hatch
Bond	Dayton	Hutchinson
Boxer	DeMint	Inhofe
Brownback	DeWine	Inouye
Bunning	Dodd	Isakson
Burns	Dole	Jeffords
Burr	Domenici	Johnson
Byrd	Dorgan	Kennedy
Cantwell	Durbin	Kerry
Carper	Ensign	Kohl
Chambliss	Enzi	Kyl

Landrieu	Nelson (FL)	Smith
Lautenberg	Nelson (NE)	Snowe
Leahy	Obama	Specter
Levin	Pryor	Stabenow
Lincoln	Reed	Stevens
Lott	Reid	Sununu
Lugar	Roberts	Talent
Martinez	Rockefeller	Thomas
McCain	Salazar	Thune
McConnell	Santorum	Vitter
Menendez	Sarbanes	Voinovich
Mikulski	Schumer	Warner
Murkowski	Sessions	Wyden
Murray	Shelby	

NOT VOTING—2

Chafee Lieberman

The bill (H.R. 5631), as amended, was passed.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate insists on its amendments, requests a conference with the House, and the Chair appoints the following conferees: Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BOND, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BURNS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. MIKULSKI.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to thank my staff for all their hard work on this bill, especially my clerk, Sid Ashworth. As always, she has done the work on this bill and a multitude of amendments, along with the staff. And Charlie Houy, on Senator INOUE's staff, has given good advice and leadership.

I also thank my colleague and partner, Senator INOUE. It is a nice birthday present to pass a bill of this size, I say to the Senator.

As I said, Charlie Houy, Betsy Schmid, Nicole Di Resta, and Kate Fitzpatrick for their support on this bill.

There is a large staff that works on this bill. We do not often name them all, but I will do it this time. This was a tough bill. I give credit to Kate Kaufer, Brian Wilson, Brian Potts, Alycia Farrell, Mark Haaland, Ellen Maldonado, Michael Pollock, Alison Garfield, Bridget Zarate, Jennifer Chartrand, and Janelle Treon. Miss Treon is not with us. She recently left the committee, but she was a vital partner in the creation of the bill. We wish her good luck in her new life in North Carolina. She can learn to dodge the hurricanes.

Thank you very much.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, just for the purpose of our colleagues' schedules, we will not be voting Monday evening. Monday is September 11. As we said, there will be an event here at 6 o'clock, and I encourage all our colleagues to participate. But a number of our colleagues did ask whether we will

be voting Monday evening, and we will not. So there will be no rollcall votes on Monday.

We are going to turn to the port security bill, a bill that has been the subject of a whole lot of work by a number of our colleagues by both sides of the aisle. We have three committees that have parts of jurisdiction here. It is a very important bill. As we work to secure this country and secure the safety of the American people, we absolutely must address the issue of port security. So I am very pleased we are bringing that bill to the floor. We will address it tonight and tomorrow and Monday, and hopefully we can finish it shortly thereafter. I talked to the Democratic leader, and the managers on both sides of the aisle will be working to gather the amendments. We will be discussing and talking about those at the appropriate time.

SECURITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR EVERY PORT ACT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to Calendar No. 432, H.R. 4954, the port security bill.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (H.R. 4954) to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4919

(Purpose: To provide a complete substitute)

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the substitute amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to and further that it be considered as original text for the purpose of additional amendments and for debate only this evening.

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

The amendment (No. 4919) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise to present the Port Security Improvement Act of 2006. This bill will help to close dangerous gaps in our ability to protect our shipping lanes and seaports from attack.

A number of our colleagues have worked very hard on this bill. This bill reflects not only bipartisan consultation and support but coordination among the Senate Homeland Security Committee, the Commerce Committee, and the Finance Committee. I thank our leader, Senator FRIST, for encouraging and facilitating those discussions.

I particularly wish to thank my colleague, Senator MURRAY, who joined me in sponsoring the GreenLane cargo security bill in November of 2005, which