

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 800) to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object to any further proceedings at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

JOHN "PEDIE" MORTON

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the person about whom I am going to speak has never been on C-SPAN. Members of the public would not recognize him in any capacity. But he is a central part of the Senate family, helping make sure offices have whatever they need to function.

His name is John "Pedie" Morton. I have known him for all the time I have been in the Senate. He has been here almost 40 years, working to make the Senate a better place. His name is unfamiliar to the general public. He works behind the scenes in Capitol Facilities. He is a familiar face to those of us who walk the halls of the Capitol. We know him from his great smile, which is disarming. He always expresses warm greetings. Even though he cares a great deal about the Senate, I have to acknowledge that he likes the Redskins more than the Senate. That is his love, the Washington Redskins. After more than three decades of work, he will be missed.

Students learn in civics class about the hundred of us, but they don't learn how many workers it takes to keep this body running. There are hundreds of men and women just like Pedie who help us do our jobs. While the American people recognize us, the hundred Senators, today I want to recognize Pedie and the multitude of colleagues with whom he shares responsibilities in making this place work so well.

There are people every day, seated in front of the Presiding Officer, doing things we don't know how to do but they do to make this body function so that there is a CONGRESSIONAL RECORD every day and it is absolutely correct, the court reporters taking down every word we say. The police officers make sure the evil people who want to do harm to this beautiful building and the people in it are safe. Today, I recognize Pedie on behalf of all these people who do so much to make the Senate the wonderful institution it is and our country a better place.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

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

JOHN "PEDIE" MORTON

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I join the majority leader in commending Mr. Morton for his extraordinary service in the Senate. Not only does he love the Redskins, he loves to fish, too—two passions I share with him. I expect he will have more time for both in the coming years. I join with my good friend, the majority leader, in thanking him for his remarkable career in the Senate and for helping us in so many ways over the years.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I say to my distinguished colleague, the Republican leader, I don't know how anyone could care more for athletic teams than he does for those in Kentucky. I am not sure he has a lot of time to share any of his affection for teams other than those in Kentucky because they are a passion of the distinguished Republican leader.

Mr. McCONNELL. I thank my friend, the majority leader.

VOTES AND AMENDMENTS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, with regard to the two votes we will have at 10, my understanding is both these amendments have been cleared on both sides. I know I can speak for the Senator from New Hampshire, Mr. SUNUNU, that he was prepared to take a rollcall vote.

With regard to moving forward on this legislation, I encourage Members on our side of the aisle who have amendments to come down, get them in the queue. We will have a number of amendments, as the majority leader has indicated, next week. The best way to proceed, if a Senator is on this side of the aisle and has an amendment, is to come on down and offer it and get it in the queue.

I yield the floor.

IMPROVING AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT OF 2007

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 4, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4) to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Reid amendment No. 275, in the nature of a substitute.

Sununu amendment No. 291 (to amendment No. 275), to ensure that the emergency communications and interoperability communications grant program does not exclude Internet Protocol-based interoperable solutions.

Sununu amendment No. 292 (to amendment No. 275), to expand the reporting requirement on cross border interoperability, and to prevent lengthy delays in the accessing frequencies and channels for public safety communication users and others.

Salazar/Lieberman modified amendment No. 290 (to amendment No. 275), to require a quadrennial homeland security review.

Salazar amendment No. 280 (to amendment No. 275), to create a Rural Policing Institute as part of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

DeMint amendment No. 314 (to amendment No. 275), to strike the provision that revises the personnel management practices of the Transportation Security Administration.

Lieberman amendment No. 315 (to amendment No. 275), to provide appeal rights and employee engagement mechanisms for passenger and property screeners.

McCaskill amendment No. 316 (to amendment No. 315), to provide appeal rights and employee engagement mechanisms for passenger and property screeners.

Dorgan/Conrad amendment No. 313 (to amendment No. 275), to require a report to Congress on the hunt for Osama Bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and the leadership of al Qaeda.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Louisiana is recognized.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for 5 minutes to send a new amendment to the desk and to call up three amendments and for a very brief discussion.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is this 5 additional minutes or time to be counted against the Senator from Colorado?

Ms. LANDRIEU. I was under the impression I was going to be recognized first.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Colorado, Mr. SALAZAR, has time.

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator LANDRIEU be yielded 5 minutes of the time allotted to me.

I ask unanimous consent that Senator LANDRIEU be permitted to move forward for 5 minutes, with 2½ minutes taken from our side and 2½ minutes taken from the other side, and following Senator LANDRIEU, Senator ALLARD from Colorado be permitted to lay down his amendment for up to 5 minutes, with 2½ minutes taken from our side and 2½ minutes from their side.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I appreciate the Senator from Colorado allowing me an opportunity to call my own amendment. The way I understand it now, we are going to give 2½ minutes to the Senator from Louisiana, and I will have 2½ minutes on this side; is that correct? How are we allocating time? I want to clarify.

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I modify my unanimous consent request. I ask unanimous consent that the Senator from Louisiana be allotted 5 minutes, 2½ minutes to come off of the majority side and 2½ from the minority side; then following her, up to 5 minutes for the Senator from Colorado, with 2½ minutes coming off the majority side and 2½ minutes off the minority side.

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