

small government and individual freedom served as an international microphone for American creed during the Cold War and beyond.

While Jesse's political life was open to everyone, I had the distinct honor of knowing him on a personal level. In 1998, after serving in the U.S. House of Representatives for over a decade, I came to the Senate and was quickly greeted by Senator Helms—apparently Senator Helms knew a conservative when he saw one. As someone who shared many of the same philosophical views as Jesse Helms, we would often discuss contentious issues that arose before the Senate. During these moments I realized that, behind his hard public image, Jesse Helms was one of the most compassionate and sincere men I had ever met. This affectionate and friendly attitude brought out the southern gentleman whom we all loved.

I will miss Senator Helms's political leadership, but I am happy his impact on our country lives on. Mary and I send our thoughts and prayers to his wife Dot and their family as they mourn for their loss and remember an extraordinary life.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST— S. 2731

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 698, S. 2731, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, following consultation with the Republican leader; and that the only amendments in order, other than the committee-reported substitute, be the Biden-Lugar managers' package substitute amendment; two amendments from each side that are germane to the Senate bill, the committee-reported substitute and the Biden-Lugar substitute; with second-degree amendments in order to the four amendments listed above, two per side, that are germane to the amendment to which they are offered; that general debate time on the bill be limited to 2 hours, equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees; that the debate time on any first-degree amendment be limited to 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that any second-degree amendments be limited to 30 minutes equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon the disposition of all amendments, and the use or yielding back of time, the substitute, as amended, be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time, and the Foreign Relations Committee

then be discharged of H.R. 5501, the House companion, and that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 2731, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof, the bill be read a third time, and the Senate proceed to vote on passage of H.R. 5501, as amended; that the provisions of this agreement become effective only after each of the amendments covered in this agreement have been available for 24 hours for review and printed in the RECORD; and each leader notifies the legislative clerk that they have no objections, and places a statement in the RECORD; further that S. 2731 then be returned to the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, there is, and I would like to make a brief statement. The majority leader's long unanimous consent agreement pertains to an important bill that the President would like to get passed through this body.

I think there is strong support for a bill along these lines. The consent itself, if one listened carefully, contains quite a few restrictions on the number of amendments, the time for debate, and so forth.

Since there are ongoing negotiations—I am personally involved in some of them—with regard to provisions of the legislation, the unanimous consent agreement is too restrictive at this time. I would hope that we could work out an agreeable substance of the provisions as well as an agreeable procedure at a subsequent time.

In fact, I think if we can reach an agreement on the substance, the procedure will be very easy to work out.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have spoken today to my staff, and they have been in touch with Senator BIDEN's staff. Senator BIDEN also thinks that something can be worked out.

We have been hearing for a long time that is the problem. In conversations in the past with the President's people, this is important to him. It is an important piece of legislation. I would hope that Senator KYL and others, working with Senators LUGAR and BIDEN, can get an agreement worked out.

This is a bill that should have wide-ranging support. I am going to file cloture, I say to my friend, so that we can have a cloture vote on this on Friday. You might want to check with your people and see if we could perhaps have it tomorrow. But that is a decision that people can reach. If cloture is invoked, we will see if we can work out a procedure for working with the amendments. Hopefully, we can do that.

In fact, to be candid, my staff said Senator BIDEN wants to hold this off for a couple more days. I think we are going to have to go ahead and try to move with this. So maybe with what Senator BIDEN and you have said, maybe if we take a look at this either tomorrow or Friday—that is, the mo-

tion to proceed—perhaps we can work something out to have some way of moving forward.

I hope so, otherwise I would hope this will not go in the barrel of things that we cannot do this year. That would be a shame. This is a cloture petition. I could have gotten signatures on both sides of the aisle. So I appreciate the manner in which my friend has spoken. I hope this is something we can work out.

#### TOM LANTOS AND HENRY J. HYDE UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TU- BERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA RE- AUTHORIZATION ACT of 2008—MO- TION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, in view of the objection lodged against the request I made, I now move to proceed to Calendar No. 698, the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde U.S. Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act, and I send a cloture motion to the desk.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 698, S. 2731, the Lantos-Hyde U.S. Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act.

Harry Reid, Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Barbara A. Mikulski, Charles E. Schumer, Christopher J. Dodd, Debbie Stabenow, Maria Cantwell, Byron L. Dorgan, Richard Durbin, Patrick J. Leahy, Bernard Sanders, Benjamin L. Cardin, Jack Reed, John F. Kerry, Patty Murray, Jon Tester, Thomas R. Carper.

Mr. REID. I would say, before I ask that the mandatory quorum be waived, that I had the good fortune, as did my colleague, to serve with both Tom Lantos and Henry Hyde. Both of these gentlemen, while serving in the House of Representatives, came to Nevada and did campaign events for me; one was a Democrat, one was a Republican.

I have great respect for both of these tremendous House Members, both chairmen—Congressman Hyde was chairman more than once. So it will be good if we can pass this legislation.

I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum be waived.

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

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