

So I just consulted with our distinguished majority leader, who thought that I might take a moment or two now.

As I say, 1 year ago today was the first arrival of the new generation of our family, Silvi Morton Specter. And it is an occasion, on her first birthday, to comment about children, a child, the future of our country, the future of her generation and the generations beyond.

I think that we are making some progress in the United States Senate on protecting her generation and the generations that follow with the progress which we are making on the balanced budget amendment. I certainly would not think of charging any of my expenses to her credit card, and I think as a nation, as we move to the balanced budget amendment, we really are looking after her generation and the future generation.

Similarly, I think we have a great deal to do on national security. As I have taken on a role on the Senate Intelligence Committee on the issue of nuclear nonproliferation, I think recently of her and her generation, just as I do on the issue of personal security, on the crime on the street, thinking about the fundamental duty of Government to protect its citizens.

Silvi Morton Specter, my son's daughter, has a unique opportunity. She has extraordinary parents, Tracey Pearl Specter, a devoted and loving mother. I characterize them when I see them playing together as her mother being her daughter's favorite playmate, and her father, Shanin, is extraordinarily attentive, as are her maternal grandparents, Carol and Alvin Pearl, and her grandmother, my wife, Joan, and I are.

As I reflect on the child, I just wish that all of America's children and all of the world's children had her great advantages.

So I thank my colleagues for indulging me for a few moments. I think we still have ample time before midnight to perhaps take up another subject or two.

I thank the Chair. I thank my colleagues, and I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

UNFUNDED MANDATE REFORM ACT

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, let me say for the benefit of all Senators, we are going to go through this unanimous consent agreement. I think there will

be a couple of questions asked. In fact, I wish to make a statement after the questions have been asked and each side is satisfied with the response, because it has to be in good faith. Otherwise, it is not going to work; there is not going to be another agreement. You would not give us one, and we would not give you one. If it is not in good faith, this may be the last agreement of its kind.

I ask unanimous consent that the following amendments be the only first-degree amendments in order to S. 1, and that they be subject to relevant second-degree amendments.

I will not read that list, but there are 47 Democratic amendments, and 15 Republican amendments, a total of 62 amendments.

I further ask unanimous consent that all first-degree amendments must be offered by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24.

I further ask unanimous consent that following the disposition of the above-listed amendments, the bill be advanced to third reading.

I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote scheduled for tomorrow and Saturday be vitiated, and that no votes occur throughout Friday's session of the Senate.

I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 20, and that there be a period for the transaction of routine morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein.

I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business on Friday, it stand in recess until 9:30 a.m. on Monday, January 23, 1995, and that the Senate resume consideration of S. 1 at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 23.

I ask unanimous consent that if a Senator with an amendment on the list sends the amendment to the desk to be printed on Friday, that be considered as having satisfied the 3 p.m. requirement for having amendments offered.

Finally, I ask unanimous consent that no votes occur on Monday, January 23, prior to 4 p.m.

That is the request. But before I put the request, I think there are some questions some might want to address.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, let me thank the distinguished majority leader for the good faith in which we have attempted over the last several hours to work through this agreement.

There are a couple of questions on our side I would like to reference as they related to the agreement. The first has to do with the reference to all amendments being "offered." Could the majority leader define for us what you mean by the word "offer?" What will be required of a Senator to meet the obligations under this unanimous-consent requirement?

Mr. DOLE. Well, I assume if there is a pending amendment, they would have to get consent to set it aside and send

their amendment to the desk, and that would be offered.

Mr. DASCHLE. So it is the intent of the unanimous-consent agreement to allow any Senator who has an amendment to take it to the desk and be protected for consideration of that amendment during this debate?

Mr. DOLE. That is correct. We have made an exception for tomorrow morning. If somebody wanted to send an amendment and have it printed in the RECORD, that would satisfy the requirements of that section. But it is sending the amendment to the desk and first getting consent. That is why I think, as we have been in the past—it depends on the good faith of side. Somebody can say "I object to setting the amendment aside," and he puts in a quorum call and waits until 3 o'clock and there is one amendment pending. I think that is one thing we cannot let happen.

Second, I would hope that all these amendments are not offered. There are 60-some amendments. Any Senator could take as much time as he wanted after the amendment is offered. He can spend half a day on an amendment. We can be here 30 days.

So this does not preclude—if it is in the judgment of the majority leader and since we are not acting in good faith—filing cloture. Nor does it preclude cloture if we agree to the request by the Senator from West Virginia that we go to third reading and have a period of debate, and if that period of debate goes on and on and on, then I assume no one objects to someone filing a cloture motion.

I do not assume all these amendments will be offered. I think many may be worked out. Many may be there for some reason but will not be offered. But I am prepared to proceed in good faith. I am certain the Democratic leader is, also.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, that is certainly my intention. I think I speak for all colleagues on this side of the aisle. We want to work through the amendments. There are a number on our side, and we are prepared to offer them.

The distinguished majority leader articulated a second question, and for clarification let me again emphasize that it is my understanding that the motion to go to third reading is debatable under this unanimous-consent agreement.

Mr. DOLE. As I understand, we would go to third reading, and there would be a period for debate.

Mr. DASCHLE. That is my understanding, after the motion.

Mr. DOLE. After we have gone to third reading. Any further amendments would not be offered, but we would still have a period of debate. There is no limitation. We do not say 1, 2, 3, 4 hours. There may not be any. As I understand it, the Senator from West Virginia wants to protect his interests, in the event some amendment may have been adopted, or not offered, or not disposed of properly, to at least raise that