

which we should make this decision, and I think it would be a huge mistake for this Nation.

Our natural resources are among the most important things we can leave to future generations. Those resources are in our care. Our children and our grandchildren—we keep talking about our children and our grandchildren—deserve more than what this bad energy policy, bad environmental policy, and shortsighted politicking would leave them.

I urge my colleagues to support an amendment to the reconciliation bill to strike the provision opening ANWR to drilling. It is time to get our priorities right, and if we are serious about doing well for our children and our grandchildren, we will make the protection of the environment and the protection of ANWR our very highest priority.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

additional \$75 million funding to prevent violence against women—an amendment that was unanimously adopted. It included support of counseling and assistance to victims and witnesses to support them throughout the prosecution process of offenders, funding for safe homes for victims of violence, and improving the database that collects nationwide information on stalkers.

In closing, let me applaud the tireless work of Majority Leader DOLE, Senators HATCH, BIDEN, and SNOWE and many others to bring an end to violence against women in this country. Even though there have been some tragic setbacks recently, we cannot give up hope. We need to continue to support these efforts in the Senate and to support women who are victims of violence.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

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e will make the protection of the environment and the protection of ANWR our very highest priority.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is now closed.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I rise in support of observing a Day of Confronting Violence Against Women and this week as a Week Without Violence.

Widely publicized media reports, especially those most recent, have literally seized the attention of the American public and brought to the forefront alarming instances of violence against women. When I learn that three out of four women will be victims of violence at some time in their life, it makes me angry, as it should every Member of the U.S. Senate.

This issue should strike each of us at the heart of our homes and families. Why? Because we are not just talking about numbers and statistics here, we are talking about our mothers, our sisters, and our daughters. We may even be talking about some of our colleagues. When you consider that every 15 seconds a woman is battered in America, four women have been cruelly beaten since I began my statement only a minute ago. When every 5 minutes a woman is sexually attacked, sadly enough, one woman's life is forever destroyed by the time I conclude my remarks.

In our country, one in every four relationships involve physical abuse. In my home State, I am sad to say, 250,000 women are abused each year. This is why violence against women is an issue very important to me. One of my first acts as Senator was to sign onto Senator DOLE's Violence Against Women Act. Last year two antistalking amendments I offered were adopted by the Senate. They provided for training of criminal justice officials and victims' service providers as well as funding for further research.

Most recently, I am proud to have been a cosponsor of an amendment to the fiscal year 1996 Commerce, State, Justice appropriations bill to target an

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of H.R. 927, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 927) to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Dole amendment No. 2898, in the nature of a substitute.

Helms amendment No. 2936 (to amendment No. 2898), to strengthen international sanctions against the Castro government and to support for a free and independent Cuba.

Simon modified amendment No. 2934 (to Amendment No. 2936), to protect the constitutional right of Americans to travel to Cuba.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Mr. HELMS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I have a couple of amendments that I would like to offer to the pending legislation. I point out we have already spent, I guess, 4 or 5 days on this bill, and I think people might suggest probably more time than the legislation de-

serves, but nonetheless it is taking a great deal of time.

What I would like to do, if my colleague and chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee would agree, rather than having separate debates on amendments, I will try to confine my remarks to both amendments—they are related, I would say to my colleague from North Carolina—and then either have back-to-back votes on them or, if he prefers, I could ask unanimous consent that these two amendments be considered as one amendment for the purpose of a single rollcall vote. Either way is fine with me, and I will yield to my colleague for any particular comment he may have on procedurally how we handle it.

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I am perfectly willing to have the two amendments voted en bloc. And I would further ask the distinguished Senator from Connecticut if he would be willing to enter into a time agreement?

Mr. DODD. I am happy to, if he wants. I know some of our colleagues have—there is one other amendment pending, the Simon amendment.

Mr. HELMS. Yes.

Mr. DODD. I believe he needs 20 minutes.

Mr. HELMS. There is a time agreement.

Mr. DODD. Of 20 minutes. I would say 40 minutes, and it may not even be that amount of time necessarily.

Mr. HELMS. Forty minutes equally?

Mr. DODD. Yes.

Mr. HELMS. I ask unanimous consent that the time agreement be 40 minutes equally divided—on the two amendments?

Mr. DODD. That is fine.

Mr. HELMS. Very well.

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

Mr. HELMS. I thank the Chair. I thank the Senator.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendments will be considered en bloc.

Mr. DODD. Fine. Mr. President, I will wait to ask for the yeas and nays.

AMENDMENTS NOS. 2906 AND 2908 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2936

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, the amendments are at the desk. They are numbered 2906 and 2908. I ask for their immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendments.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] proposes amendments numbered 2906 and 2908 to amendment No. 2936:

The amendments are as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2906

On page 23 of the pending amendment beginning with line 18, strike all through line 21 on page 24.

AMENDMENT NO. 2908

On page 28 of the pending amendment beginning with line 42, strike all through line 32 on page 32.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, let me explain, both of these amendments are related to title II of this bill.