

Simpson, John H. Chafee, Frank H. Murkowski.

CALL OF THE ROLL

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The mandatory quorum call has been waived.

VOTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of Senate Resolution 227, the Whitewater resolution, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are required. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. LOTT. I announce that the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK] is necessarily absent.

I further announce that the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] is absent due to a death in the family.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] would vote "yea."

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] is absent because of illness.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 61 Leg]

YEAS—51

Abraham	Faircloth	Lugar
Ashcroft	Frist	McCain
Bennett	Gorton	McConnell
Bond	Gramm	Nickles
Brown	Grams	Pressler
Burns	Grassley	Roth
Campbell	Gregg	Santorum
Chafee	Hatch	Shelby
Coats	Hatfield	Simpson
Cochran	Helms	Smith
Cohen	Hutchison	Snowe
Coverdell	Inhofe	Specter
Craig	Jeffords	Stevens
D'Amato	Kassebaum	Thomas
DeWine	Kempthorne	Thompson
Dole	Kyl	Thurmond
Domenici	Lott	Warner

NAYS—46

Akaka	Ford	Mikulski
Baucus	Glenn	Moseley-Braun
Biden	Graham	Moynihan
Bingaman	Harkin	Murray
Boxer	Hefflin	Nunn
Bradley	Hollings	Pell
Breaux	Inouye	Pryor
Bryan	Johnston	Reid
Bumpers	Kennedy	Robb
Byrd	Kerrey	Rockefeller
Daschle	Kerry	Sarbanes
Dodd	Kohl	Simon
Dorgan	Lautenberg	Wellstone
Exon	Leahy	Wyden
Feingold	Levin	
Feinstein	Lieberman	

NOT VOTING—3

Conrad	Mack	Murkowski
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 46. Three-fifths of the Senators not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The majority leader is recognized.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST—
S. 1664

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, what I am going to propound when Senator

DASCHLE arrives is consent that consideration of the immigration bill be limited to relevant amendments only. Either we will finish this bill or we will move to something else. It is my hope we can complete action on the immigration bill by tomorrow evening and then go to the Kassebaum-Kennedy health care bill.

In the interim, we need to take care of the conference report on terrorism. The original bill passed the Senate last May. We are prepared, if we cannot do business on the immigration bill, to move to the conference report on terrorism. We would like to finish that so that the House might complete action on it by Thursday.

I now ask unanimous consent that during the consideration of the pending immigration bill, the bill be limited to relevant amendments only.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I wonder how many times Senator DOLE has been in the opposite position, when Senator MITCHELL and my distinguished predecessor, Senator BYRD, made similar requests on the Senate floor.

We all know the circumstances on the Senate floor. We all know that there are many occasions when Senators have no other opportunity to raise an issue except in the form of amendments to pending legislation. Our Republican colleagues have done it time and time again, both in this Congress as well as in previous Congresses.

Given that, I propose a modification to the unanimous-consent request that I think is reasonable. We would be prepared to offer just two nonrelevant amendments, the minimum wage amendment as well as the Dorgan amendment relating to the balanced budget proposal, and would even be prepared to allow the Republicans a similar number of nonrelevant amendments, with time constraints and no second-degree amendments, in an effort to accommodate the schedule.

That is not, it seems to me, too much to ask. We could accommodate that within the next hour or two. We could even agree to a limited number of amendments on the bill itself that are relevant. I make that modification and ask the distinguished majority leader whether he would be inclined to support it. If so, I think we could find a way in which to schedule this legislation and reach final passage.

Mr. DOLE. Maybe regulatory reform. We have over a majority. We have 58 votes; we need 60. My colleagues on the other side will not let us bring that to a vote. That costs the average family about \$6,000 per year because of excessive regulations. We think it is a reasonable nonpartisan bipartisan approach to regulatory reform. Maybe that is an amendment we could look at.

What I will tell the Democratic leader, I am happy to consider that, but I assume if he objects to this request, we

will go on to the terrorism conference report, after a statement by the distinguished Senator from Wyoming, Senator SIMPSON. Maybe while we are resolving that bill, we could see if we can resolve this one.

I said we passed this bill last May. It was June 7 that the terrorism bill passed by a vote of 91 to 8. We have pretty much the same bill. I hope we would not spend a great deal of time on the conference report. Then we can go back to the immigration bill if we can work out an agreement. If not—

Mr. DASCHLE. If I can respond to the distinguished majority leader, I hope we could use whatever time we have available to us to see if we can find some mutually agreeable schedule here. Our desire is to come to final passage on an illegal immigration bill.

We want to see that happen as badly as anybody else here in the Senate. We also recognize, however, that circumstances in the past have precluded us from offering amendments relating to minimum wage. We will not have, if we bring up the constitutional amendment to balance the budget under the reconsideration rules here in the Senate, an opportunity to offer amendments. So we really have no vehicle with which to offer alternatives.

But I understand and certainly respect the majority leader's position, and I want to work with him to see if we cannot accommodate his desire and ours to complete work on the illegal immigration bill, as well as to have opportunities to vote on issues that we hold to be very important.

I object under the circumstances now presented.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. DOLE. As I understand it, the Senator had a modification to mine?

Mr. DASCHLE. Yes, I proposed a modification.

Mr. DOLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader has the floor.

TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT—
CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I hope that the Chair may lay before the Senate the conference report to accompany the terrorism bill, and I will ask that the conference report be considered as having been read, and then we can make whatever statements we want.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DASCHLE. Reserving the right to object. If, as soon as that is laid down, the Presiding Officer could recognize the Senator from Massachusetts and the Senator from Wyoming, I would have no objections, with that understanding.

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