

The PRESIDING OFFICER. We must have order in the Chamber.

AMENDMENT NO. 2634

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, may I have the yeas and nays on the Daschle amendment? Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment. The yeas and nays have been ordered.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), is absent because of illness.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 45, nays 53, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 152 Leg.]

YEAS—45

Akaka	Feingold	Levin
Baucus	Feinstein	Lieberman
Biden	Ford	McCain
Bingaman	Glenn	Mikulski
Boxer	Graham	Moseley-Braun
Breaux	Harkin	Moynihan
Bryan	Hollings	Murray
Bumpers	Johnson	Reed
Byrd	Kennedy	Reid
Cleland	Kerrey	Robb
Conrad	Kerry	Rockefeller
Daschle	Kohl	Sarbanes
Dodd	Landrieu	Torricelli
Dorgan	Lautenberg	Wellstone
Durbin	Leahy	Wyden

NAYS—53

Abraham	Faircloth	Mack
Allard	Frist	McConnell
Ashcroft	Gorton	Murkowski
Bennett	Gramm	Nickles
Bond	Grams	Roberts
Brownback	Grassley	Roth
Burns	Gregg	Santorum
Campbell	Hagel	Sessions
Chafee	Hatch	Shelby
Coats	Helms	Smith (NH)
Cochran	Hutchinson	Smith (OR)
Collins	Hutchison	Snowe
Coverdell	Inhofe	Stevens
Craig	Jeffords	Thomas
D'Amato	Kempthorne	Thompson
DeWine	Kyl	Thurmond
Domenici	Lott	Warner
Enzi	Lugar	

NOT VOTING—2

Inouye Specter

The amendment (No. 2634) was rejected.

Mr. MCCAIN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, we have now dispensed with the issue of addressing the problem of drugs in America. Tomorrow, we will take up the tax cut issue. There will be an amendment on this side of the aisle and an amendment on the other side of the aisle.

It is our hope that, following that, we will be able to take up the substitute. There are, I understand, two important substitutes, one by the Senator from Utah, which he has talked about at some length, and also one by perhaps Senator GRAMM and Senator DOMENICI. There is still concern about the issue of

attorneys' fees. I would not be surprised if there was another amendment on that issue, and, of course, there is the remaining issue of the agriculture section of the bill, which could be addressed after cloture, if necessary.

Frankly, Mr. President, I don't know of any other major issues that are affecting this legislation. I hope that we can not only move forward but, at the appropriate time this week, hopefully the majority leader can propose a cloture vote so we can bring this issue to a close.

All of us are aware that we are in our third week on this legislation. All of us are aware that we have other legislation that we need to address, including very important appropriations bills.

I must say that on this day I am pleased with the progress that we have made, and I am pleased that we are going to address the issue of taxes, which is important to Members on both sides of the aisle.

So, Mr. President, I say, in the words of the late Mark Twain, the reports of the death of this legislation are premature. However, we certainly, by no means, have total confidence that we will reach a successful conclusion. But I think those of us who are supporting this legislation can be pleased at the progress we are making at this time. And it does not in any way mean that we do not have a lot of difficult hurdles to get over before we have a final vote. I yield the floor.

Mr. KERRY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. KERRY. Let me join the Senator from Arizona in simply saying that I think this was an important step forward today in a lot of respects. Neither the Senator from Arizona nor I want to sort of overly characterize what it may mean in the total yet, but it does open up the opportunity for the Senate to now move to the two remaining, most significant issues and then lay the groundwork to have, hopefully, an order of amendments for the following ones. I think it is not insignificant, therefore.

The last week permitted us, frankly, to be able to work quietly behind the scenes to be able to arrive at some understandings about the structure of the tax component of the bill. And while there are two alternatives being offered, the fact is that for a week we have understood that embracing a component of the tax cut in this legislation was not inappropriate—in fact, might not only be a necessary ingredient of passing it but also an important reality for the amounts of money that are being raised in the revenues.

So I think we are on a track where we have the ability tomorrow to make again some significant progress. And hopefully, with the substitutes, then we will have few remaining contentious issues and, obviously, some others that we ought to be able to arrive at a reasonable understanding about.

So my hope is that those Senators who have must-do amendments will

certainly inform us of those in the course of the next day or so.

I thank my colleague for his cooperation. And I yield the floor.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of routine morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

Mr. ROBB addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. ROBB. Thank you, Mr. President.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL TERRY PAUL

Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I would like to just share with those of our colleagues who are watching the floor at this moment a ceremony that I just attended, that a number of our colleagues just attended, for the promotion of then Colonel Terry Paul to Brigadier General Terry Paul, the U.S. Marine Corps.

This is somewhat unusual, because General Paul has been serving as the Marine Corps liaison in the U.S. Senate for almost a decade. He came as a lieutenant colonel, he was promoted to the rank of full colonel, and this afternoon was promoted to the rank of brigadier general, where he will move across the Potomac to serve as the Legislative Assistant to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Many generals, officers of the Marine Corps, admirals of the Navy, representatives of the Department of Defense, and some of our colleagues in the House and Senate were there, to recognize an extraordinary Marine and an extraordinary patriot, someone who has worked very, very hard and very, very professionally in a job that many of us appreciate.

Mr. President, during his nearly 10-year assignment with the Marine Corps Liaison Office here in the Senate, General Terry Paul has championed a number of programs—like the M1A1 tank, the Maritime Pre-positioned Forces (MPF), the V-2 Osprey, and the Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAAV)—that have helped sustain the Corps as the premiere expeditionary force in readiness and have helped mold the Corps for the twenty-first century.

To those of us who worked with him, General Paul has been a strong advocate for his beloved Corps.

He has poured his heart and soul into every facet of an issue, championing the best interest of the Corps and the nation, regardless of scope or monetary value.

He has also never lost sight of the individual Marine—working just as hard to secure a piece of gear that would keep a Marine dry during inclement