

families. His work with Chairman WARNER on our annual defense authorization bill provides that critical support for our troops in the form of both equipment and readiness. In 2004, the National Guard Association of the United States presented him with the Harry S. Truman Award for distinguished service in support of national defense. The awards go on and on and on. This is only one of the many awards he has received for his unflagging support of our military. I commend and thank Senator LEVIN for his tremendous contributions to this country and for his long and distinguished service to the people of Michigan.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 3994

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the Salazar amendment No. 3994.

The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. McCONNELL. The following Senators were necessarily absent: the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) is necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 79, nays 16, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 122 Leg.]

YEAS—79

Akaka	Ensign	Menendez
Alexander	Feingold	Mikulski
Baucus	Feinstein	Murkowski
Bayh	Frist	Murray
Bennett	Graham	Nelson (FL)
Biden	Grassley	Obama
Bingaman	Hagel	Pryor
Boxer	Harkin	Reed
Brownback	Hatch	Reid
Cantwell	Hutchison	Roberts
Carper	Inhofe	Salazar
Chafee	Inouye	Santorum
Chambliss	Isakson	Sarbanes
Clinton	Jeffords	Schumer
Coburn	Johnson	Smith
Coleman	Kennedy	Snowe
Collins	Kerry	Specter
Conrad	Kohl	Stabenow
Craig	Kyl	Stevens
Crapo	Landrieu	Sununu
Dayton	Lautenberg	Thune
DeMint	Leahy	Vitter
DeWine	Levin	Voivovich
Dodd	Lieberman	Warner
Dole	Lincoln	Wyden
Domenici	Lugar	
Durbin	Martinez	

NAYS—16

Allard	Byrd	Sessions
Allen	Cornyn	Shelby
Bond	Dorgan	Talent
Bunning	Enzi	Thomas
Burns	McConnell	
Burr	Nelson (NE)	

NOT VOTING—5

Cochran	Lott	Rockefeller
Gregg	McCain	

The amendment (No. 3994) was agreed to.

Mr. KENNEDY. I move to reconsider the vote, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I believe when we return at 2:1 p.m., we will go to Senator DORGAN's amendment, followed, hopefully, shortly thereafter by the Bingaman amendment, depending on the outcome, for the notification of the Members.

I thank all of our colleagues for their cooperation for a good morning's debate and discussion.

I yield the floor.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will stand in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, at 1:02 p.m., the Senate recessed until 2:16 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. VOINOVICH).

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT OF 2006—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, it is 2:15. We are reconvening. We are about ready to proceed with the bill. We have quite a number of Senators who have stated an interest in filing amendments. We urge them to come to the floor so we can get a queue and proceed to consider the amendments and dispose of the bill.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, is the Senator asking an inquiry at this point? I did not hear the inquiry.

Mr. SPECTER. We are ready for your amendment, Senator DORGAN, if you are prepared to offer it.

Mr. DORGAN. I will be laying the amendment down in just about a minute. I am reviewing one piece of it. I will be laying the amendment down in about a minute.

Mr. SPECTER. While you are undertaking those last-minute preparations, would you give some consideration to a time agreement, an hour equally divided?

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I will do that, but I will not do it at the moment. I want to perfect the amendment and begin discussions, see how many on my side and perhaps your side wish to speak on it before we would make an agreement with respect to the time.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I thank the distinguished Senator from North Dakota.

AMENDMENT NO. 4017

Mr. DORGAN. I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] proposes amendment numbered 4017.

Mr. DORGAN. I ask unanimous consent the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To prohibit aliens who are currently outside the United States from participating in the H-2C guestworker visa program)

On page 250, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

“(1) ELIGIBILITY FOR DEFERRED MANDATORY DEPARTURE STATUS.—The alien shall establish that the alien is eligible for Deferred Mandatory Departure status under section 245C.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I have offered an amendment. I will describe very briefly what it does. It essentially strikes the guest worker provision, as it is now known. Guest worker is described in other ways—future flow, guest worker. It strikes that provision, but it does it in a way that would not interrupt the underlying bill's decision to have those who are here for 2 to 5 years to step outside this country and step back in. It would not affect those folks, but it would prevent the guest worker provision from being operative in a way that would allow those who are now living outside of our country, who are not in this country, living outside of the country, to come in in future years under this guest worker provision.

The guest worker, future flow—all these titles that are used by the President and by people in the Senate, it is kind of like Mr. Roger's Neighborhood. These are wonderful-sounding terms—future flow. I didn't know what that was until I learned or heard some of the descriptions of future flow. What that means is we are going to provide a circumstance where we try to get control of immigration but at the same time allow others who are now outside of our country to come into our country under a guest worker provision.

Let me describe the circumstances, especially on the southern border, for the moment. Last year, we believe there were 1.1 to 1.2 million people who tried to come into this country but were apprehended and stopped and prevented from coming in illegally. We also believe that in addition to the 1.1 million or so who were stopped and not allowed to come into this country illegally, there were another probably three-quarters of a million people who came illegally across the southern border.

In addition to that, about 175,000 people came in legally across the southern border—those who had children here under the quotas or other circumstances and came into our country legally. So 1.1 million were apprehended and stopped, about three-quarters of a million came illegally, and about another 175,000 came legally into this country.

We are at a time where, if you read the paper every single day, what you see is the new corporate economic strategy. In fact, Tom Friedman wrote a book, “The World Is Flat.” Of course, the world isn't flat. That sells a lot of books, but the world isn't flat. The proposition of “The World Is Flat” is that there are now 1 billion to 1.5 billion people around the rest of the world