

weather who are caught in traffic. I have two alternatives. One is when time is up, go into a quorum call. What I would like to do, because I know other people want to get the vote over and leave, what I would like to do, is let everyone know I would drag the vote. We do not have anything to do after the vote anyway. Unless there is some objection, I would let people know we are going to not be able to complete the vote probably until around 7 o'clock. I have two people, I understand one is a Democrat, one is a Republican. So if no one complains, I am going to go ahead and let the vote occur as required at approximately 6:25, and then I will drag the vote. Does anybody care about that?

Mr. President, it is my understanding the Democrats, under the control of Senator BAUCUS, are ready to yield back time. I want everyone to understand the vote is going to take more than the ordinary 15 minutes.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I yield back our time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator yields back.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I assume all time is yielded back?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time has expired.

Mr. BAUCUS. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The question is on the engrossment of the amendment and third reading of the bill.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) are necessarily absent.

Mr. LOTT. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH).

The result was announced—yeas 88, nays 5, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 415 Leg.]

YEAS—88

Akaka	Byrd	Dole
Alexander	Cantwell	Domenici
Allard	Cardin	Durbin
Barrasso	Casey	Enzi
Baucus	Chambliss	Feinstein
Bayh	Coburn	Graham
Bennett	Cochran	Grassley
Bingaman	Coleman	Gregg
Bond	Collins	Hagel
Boxer	Corker	Harkin
Brown	Cornyn	Hatch
Brownback	Craig	Hutchison
Bunning	Crapo	Inhofe
Burr	DeMint	Inouye

Isakson	McCaskill	Sessions
Johnson	McConnell	Shelby
Kennedy	Menendez	Smith
Kerry	Mikulski	Snowe
Klobuchar	Murkowski	Specter
Kohl	Murray	Stabenow
Kyl	Nelson (FL)	Stevens
Landrieu	Nelson (NE)	Sununu
Lautenberg	Pryor	Tester
Leahy	Reed	Thune
Levin	Reid	Vitter
Lieberman	Roberts	Warner
Lincoln	Rockefeller	Webb
Lott	Salazar	Wyden
Lugar	Sanders	
Martinez	Schumer	

NAYS—5

Carper	Dorgan	Whitehouse
Conrad	Feingold	

NOT VOTING—7

Biden	Ensign	Voinovich
Clinton	McCain	
Dodd	Obama	

The bill (H.R. 3996), as amended, was passed.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, 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.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2419

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be a limitation of 20 first-degree amendments per side on the farm bill, H.R. 2419, that they be from the original list of amendments already agreed to; that all other provisions of the previous agreement continue in effect; and that the managers' amendments cleared by both managers not be counted toward the 20.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN). Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT H.R. 6

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and the pledge tomorrow, the Senate proceed to the message from the House on H.R. 6, the comprehensive Energy bill; that notwithstanding the receipt of the papers, the majority leader be immediately recognized to move to concur in the House amendment and to file cloture on that motion; that there be 20 minutes equally divided in the usual form for debate on the majority leader's motion, followed by a cloture motion on that motion; that there be no other motions or amendments in order prior to the vote; further, that the cloture vote on the substitute amendment to the farm bill be delayed to occur at a later time, to be determined by the majority leader after consultation with the Republican leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, certainly the Senate is a place for squabbles. We have had lots of them. But also with the work that has to be done in this body, sometimes it takes a little debate here and there.

Today has been an important day for the Senate. We have been in a quorum call a lot. But during the time there were speeches being made on rare occasion here, there was a lot of work being done. The AMT is now done. I don't know that that is the case yet, but I heard that the House indicated they will accept our bill. That is quite important.

We have been working for weeks on the farm bill. A cloture vote is set at 9 o'clock in the morning, or whatever time we agree to. Maybe we would have gotten cloture on that, I don't know. I am happy with this agreement. It will be a lot of work, but we will finish the farm bill before we leave, unless something untoward happens.

This has been a day of progress. Tomorrow we will finish work on the farm bill, and there will be one vote. After we do that, the two managers, Senators HARKIN and CHAMBLISS, said they will work through amendments tomorrow. There are a lot of amendments that can be agreed to. We want Senators, tomorrow and Monday—there will be no votes on Monday, but if Senators feel strongly about an amendment, work with the managers and have that offered and have that be one of the 40. Hopefully, we can set up votes for Tuesday and finish the bill sometime before we leave here.

On the Energy bill, we are going to have a cloture vote in the morning. From all indications I have gotten from the minority, cloture will not be invoked. I will give a speech and others will. We would have Saturday, Sunday, and Monday to try to come up with how we are going to proceed on this matter afterward. I hope we can work something out by consent; otherwise, because of the way we have the bill, I have the authority to do certain things. I would rather do it by consent. I will do the best I can to be as cooperative as possible with the minority. It is an extremely important piece of legislation. I think there is a mindset of everyone here to do an energy bill. The question is, what is in it? If we have a bill, will it be signed by the President?

I understand all of the moving parts of the bill. But we have made progress today with AMT, the farm bill, and now the Energy bill, on which we have had an agreement to move this up 1 day and not be here Saturday.

For everyone who thinks we don't get a lot done, we and our staffs will be heavily involved in the matters I have outlined over the weekend. So I appreciate the cooperation of the Senators to get to the point where we are, and I feel pretty good about the day's work.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader is recognized.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, let me just say I do agree with the majority leader that we made some substantial progress today. First of all, on the principle that in order to extend tax relief to one set of Americans we don't have to raise taxes on another set of Americans, all but five Members of the