

Quite frankly, I think we can get it to be even better. I think those of us who worked on it would agree. If people disagree with the way we modernized the legal immigration system—let's say they think we don't bring enough high-tech workers or enough farmworkers—change it. File an amendment to change it.

Here is what I would say. Unless you actually believe we don't need to do anything—and listen, if you believe that is valid, that is fine—if you believe that what we have is OK, if you believe we don't need to do anything about immigration, just leave it the way it is, then that is fine. I respect that view. I disagree with it, but I respect it.

If what you think that what we have is a disaster—and I think that is most of us—then let's work on it together to change it. In essence, don't view the bill we drafted as something that is being shoved down your throat, because it is not. View it as a starting point product upon which we can build something that I hope most of us can support.

If you are opposed to this bill or elements of it, try to change it. Try to improve it. That is why we have something called the amendment process. By the way, that is just in the Judiciary Committee. Beyond that, it has to come to the floor of the Senate, where I expect there to be open debate, where I expect there to be an open amendment process. If it passes here, then it has to go to the House and we have to work with them to get a product we all agree on.

Here is my point. If you are going to be against anything no matter what we file or, no matter what, you just don't want to do immigration reform, then that is fine. If you believe, as I do, that our legal immigration system is broken and needs to be modernized, then let's work to change it. If you believe we need to be realistic about the fact that we have 11 million human beings in this country who are going to be here for the rest of their lives, whether we deal with them or not, and that it is not good for America to have that many people here whom we don't know, have no idea who they are, where they are, and many of them are not paying taxes, then let's work together to find a way to deal with it.

If you believe our laws are not being enforced and we need to pass laws that force the administration—this one and a future one—to enforce our law, let's change it. Let's work on something that comes up with that.

I am all ears. I am open-minded about that and so are my colleagues. Let's not leave it the way it is. The way it is is chaos. It is bad for our country. What we have today is not good for the United States. Our job as policymakers is not just to come and criticize, our job is to come and to make a difference. Our job is not just to come to the floor and make speeches or go back home and give speeches or

do television interviews, our job is not just to poke holes, our job is to plug holes too. Our job is not just to criticize but to make better. What we have now doesn't work. It is not good for our country. We can't leave it this way.

We have a chance now to truly improve it. This is not an effort to force anything down anyone's throat. This bill we have worked on is a starting point. It is not a take-it-or-leave-it proposition. It never has been. To pretend it is isn't fair. To pretend that somehow something is being crafted that is being forced down someone's throat with no options to amend it or make it better, that is not true. You know that.

I have talked to almost all of my colleagues here and extended an open hand and said let's work together to make this better. I truly think we have to.

Is this the most important issue America faces? No. We owe \$17 trillion, and we have no idea how we are going to pay it back. We have an economy that is not growing, and we need to do something about it. This is an important issue and, by the way, it is related to that issue. There actually is a growing consensus that we have a chance to do something about it once and for all.

Let's work together. Let's work together to come up with a solution that modernizes our legal immigration system so it is good for our economy, that once and for all forces the administration, this one and a future one, to enforce our immigration laws. Once and for all this will deal with the 11 million people who are here illegally in a way that is fair and compassionate but also fair to the people who did it right and also in a way to ensure this never, ever happens again.

I hope when we come back in a few days we will begin to work on that together for the good of our country and the future of our great Nation.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceed to call the roll.

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

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

#### WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 44, S. 601.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to the bill (S. 601) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 44, S. 601, a bill to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

Harry Reid, Barbara Boxer, Thomas R. Carper, Tom Harkin, John D. Rockefeller IV, Patrick J. Leahy, Debbie Stabenow, Christopher A. Coons, Charles E. Schumer, Bill Nelson, Benjamin L. Cardin, Jon Tester, Mary L. Landrieu, Mark Begich, Joe Manchin III, Richard J. Durbin, Mark L. Pryor.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum required under rule XXII be waived, and that the cloture vote occur on Monday, May 6, following the disposition of the Marketplace Fairness Act.

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

#### OBSERVING WORLD IP DAY

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, this Friday, April 26, is "World IP Day," when countries around the world celebrate the role of intellectual property in encouraging innovation and creativity. It is an opportunity for us to acknowledge the authors, artists, and musicians who enrich our lives; the inventors whose work is transforming our digital economy; and creators around the world.

Whether you are an inventor, a creative artist, or a small business owner protecting your brand, you deserve the benefit of your work. By protecting those works, we incentivize future developments that benefit us all. As lawmakers, our goal must be to provide strong and effective protections for creators, while ensuring that their creations can be appreciated, used, and enjoyed. This policy is central to the American economy, where 35 percent of our GDP is generated by IP-related industries. A vibrant intellectual property system fosters growth not only in our country, but also around the world.

Earlier this month, I introduced legislation that would strengthen an innovation program created by the Patent and Trademark Office, the Patents for Humanity Program. The Patents for Humanity Program rewards a select number of exceptional innovators who apply their intellectual property to address global humanitarian needs. At the first Patents for Humanity Awards ceremony 2 weeks ago, I was proud to honor inventors who had worked to improve the diagnosis of devastating diseases, supply access to clean water, and