create a new class of the disappeared, of the poorest of the poor—of the poor who are mainly children?

I have brought this amendment to the floor before, but this time around I do not want a voice vote. I want a recorded vote. If Senators are going to vote against this, I want that on the record. If they are going to vote for it, I will thank each and every one of them. Then, if there is an effort to drop this in conference committee because it is on the DOD bill, do you know what. Here is what I say: At least the Senate has gone on the record saying we are going to be intellectually honest and have an honest policy evaluation. That is all I want. That is all I want to see happen. If it gets dropped, I will be back with the amendment again, and again, and again until we win this fight. Until we are honest about being willing—I am sorry—until we are willing to be honest about what is now happening in the country and at least collect the data so we can then know.

I feel very strongly about this, colleagues, very strongly about this. I am going to speak on the floor of the Senate about this. I am going to do some traveling in the country. I am going to try to focus on what I consider to be really some very harsh conditions and some very harsh things that are happening to too many women and to too many children.

I also speak with some indignation. I can do this in a bipartisan way. I want us to have this evaluation. I say to the White House, to the administration—I ask unanimous consent I have more minute. I actually started at 12:30, so I do not know how I could be out of time, I had a half hour.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The official clock up here shows time expired, but without objection, 1 minute.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I thank the Chair. I don’t want to get into a big argument with the Chair. I can do it in 1 minute. I think I have heard the administration, Democratic administration. I have heard the President and Vice President talk about how we have dramatically reduced the welfare rolls with huge success. Has the dramatic reduction in the welfare rolls led to a dramatic reduction in poverty? Are these women and children more economically self-sufficient? Are they better off or are they worse off? That is what I want to know. I say that to Democrats. I say that to Republicans. We ought to have the courage to call upon the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide us with this data. As policymakers, we need this information.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Daniel J. Stewart, a fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor during the debate on the defense authorization bill.

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

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will stand in recess until the hour of 2:15, at which time there will be three stacked votes.

Thereupon, at 1 p.m., the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. INHOFE).

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The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 388

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there are 2 minutes equally divided on the Roth amendment. Who yields time?

Mr. ROTH addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, for 58 years, two distinguished commanders, Admiral Kimmel and General Short, have been unjustly scapegoated for the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Numerous studies have made it unambiguously clear that Short and Kimmel were denied vital intelligence that was available in Washington. Investigations by military boards found Kimmel and Short had properly disposed their forces in light of the intelligence and resources they had available.

Investigations found the failure of their superiors to properly manage intelligence and to fulfill command responsibilities contributed significantly, if not predominantly, to the disaster. Yet, they alone remain singularly out for responsibility. This amendment calls upon the President to correct this injustice by advancing them on the retired list, as was done for all their peers.

This initiative has received support from veterans, including Bob Dole, countless military leaders, including Admirals Moorer, Crowe, Halloway, Zumwalt, and Trost, as well as the VFW.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, on behalf of the managers of this bill, we vigorously oppose this amendment. Right here on this desk is perhaps the most dramatic reason not to grant the request. This represents a hearing held by a joint committee of the Senate and House of the Congress of the United States in 1946. They had before them live witnesses, all of the documents, and it is clear from this and their findings that these two officers were then and remain today accused of serious errors in judgment which contributed to perhaps the greatest disaster in this century against the people of the United States of America.

There are absolutely no new facts beyond those deduced in this record brought out by my distinguished good friend, the senior Senator from Delaware. For that reason, we oppose it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time has expired. The question is on agreeing to amendment No. 388. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) is necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 142 Leg.]

YEAS—52

Abraham
Akaka
Baucus
Biden
Benner
Biden
Bingaman
Boxer
Breaux
Bunning
Campbell
Cleland
Cochran
Collins
Daschle
DeWine
Domenici
Durbin
Edwards
Eisenstadt
Feinstein
Graham
Grazzini
Hagel
Harkin
Hatch
Helms
Hollings
Inouye
Johnson
Kennedy
Kerry
Kiy
Landrieu
Lautenberg
Leahy
Lincoln
Lott
McConnell
Mikulski
Markoski
Rockefeller
Roth
Sarabanes
Schumer
Shelby
Smith (MI)
Thomas
Thurmond
Torricelli
Voinovich
Wells
Wyden

NAYS—47

Allard
Ashcroft
Bond
Brownback
Burns
Byrd
Chafee
Conrad
Coverdell
Craig
Craio
Dodd
Dorgan
Finkenstadt
Fitzgerald
Fitzgerald
Gingrich
Gorton
Graham
Grassley
Gregg
Hatch
Hatch
Inhofe
Jeffords
Kerrey
Kohl
Levin
Lieberman
Lugar
Mack
Mornihan
Murray
Nickles
Reed
Reid
Robb
Robert
Sanford
Sessions
Smith (OR)
Snowe
Specter
Stevens
Thompson
Warner

NOT VOTING—1

McCain

The amendment (No. 388) was agreed to.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. WARNER. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 377

Mr. WARNER. Is the Senator from Virginia correct that the next vote will be on the amendment by the Senator from Kansas?