President can sign, we are not going to other business.

Finally, let me conclude by saying this bill is not going to become law until we comply with the treaty. The President is not going to sign the bill. We can foil around and have five cloture votes and hold up all other business until we get back from Labor Day. We can stall in August. We are going to see the full rules and protections of the Senate here because this is a critically important conference.

When you start not living up to agreements that you made with your neighbor, you start to get into trouble, whether you are a person or whether you are the greatest nation in the history of the world.

I think the Murray amendment is wrong. Senator McCain and I have been willing to work with Canada and Mexico, but the requirements have to be identical with Canada and Mexico, with a safety regime. It doesn't have to be NAFTA. That is a compromise that is willing to compromise. The President says their words, are responsible for the safety of our constituents. Whether you are a person or whether you are a United States, Canadian, or Mexican.

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I move to table the Gramm-McCain amendment and ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

The question is on agreeing to the motion. The clerk will call the roll.

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

The result was announced—yeas 65, nays 35, as follows: [Rollcall Vote No. 250 Leg.]

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The motion was agreed to.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.
reiterated the understanding we have on both sides of the aisle with regard to his offering an amendment at a later date on Iraq oil on another bill. I will certainly provide him with a vote in relation to that amendment when that time comes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. MCCAIN. Reserving the right to object, are the intentions, after disposition of the nominations, to return to the pending legislation?

Mr. DASCHLE. In answer to my colleague from Arizona, the intention would be that we go right back to the Transportation appropriations bill. What I am hoping, frankly, is that over the course of the next several hours we can continue our discussions. Our staff has indicated again that they are willing to begin resuming this in earnest with the hope that we might proceed with some expectation that we find some resolution. It is our hope that while our colleagues debate these other matters, that will free up those people who have been involved in this issue to talk, and it would be our intention to come back to this.

Mr. MCCAIN. Further reserving my right to object, we have just established 35 votes, which is sufficient to sustain a Presidential veto, which has been threatened on this bill. I hope it will motivate the other side to engage in a meaningful negotiation, which has not happened so far, so that we can resolve the situation.

I reiterate my commitment to remain through a series of cloture votes, if necessary, until we get this issue resolved to the satisfaction of those who are concerned about it, including the President of the United States.

Mr. DASCHLE. Reserving the right to object, just for clarification from the leader, the Senator from Alaska requested specifically the assurance of an up-or-down vote, and I believe the majority leader indicated a reference "in relation to." I don't want to mischaracterize the intent. I wanted to have an understanding I would be afforded an opportunity for an up-or-down vote.

Mr. DASCHLE. I will have no objection to an up-or-down vote.

Mr. MCCAIN. Reserving the right to object, and I will not object, I want to say that I appreciate the majority leader's comments about the need for us to have a serious effort to find a compromise on this issue that is still pending on the Transportation bill. I thank him for the assurances given to Senator MURkowski.

As I understand it now, we will go to the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act and have 60 minutes on that bill. Senator MURkowski will have this time, and we will go to final passage. Then after some debate time, we will have one or two votes on nominees. Did the Senator clarify that?

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, in answer to the Republican leader's question, the answer is, we would provide to Senator MURkowski at least the unanimous consent that we were able to arrive at last night. In regard to the Horn nomination and the nomination for the Administrator of the SBA, in both cases, as I understand it, rollcalls have been requested. So it is my intention that we would have debate on the two nominees and then the votes on those yet tonight. Then we will revert back to Transportation.

Mr. LOTT. I thank the Senator. Further reserving the right to object, I know there are strong feelings on the question of the U.S.-Mexican truck crossing at the border, a lot of ramifications, and making sure it is NAFTA compliant, and making sure the trucks from the United States enter the Murkowski country in a safe way after being inspected. I understand all of that.

This is an appropriations bill and this language should not even be on this bill. Clearly, though, this can be resolved.

While everybody is in a position of wanting to get dug in, let me point out that this issue could go on for days. It is really not necessary. I have never seen an issue that is more clearly in the realm of having an agreement worked out. We ought to do it. I urge both sides to do their very best to accomplish that.

I thank Senator DASCHLE for giving these answers. I withdraw my reservation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request of the majority leader?

The Senator from North Dakota.

Mr. DORGAN. Reserving the right to object, I don't want to inform the major leader that the proposals of discussions about the Murray language, in my judgment, should not just be among those who support the language and those who wish to weaken it. Others wish to strengthen it. While there is a disagreement on this issue, it is not just on one side. I hope if discussions ensue in the coming hours on this subject, they include those of us who believe the Murray language is not strong enough.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I say to Senator DORGAN that I don't think we ought to exclude anybody. Clearly, no one has devoted more time to the issue and has been more eloquent on the floor with regard to safety and the importance of recognizing the issue of safety than Senator DORGAN. Senator MURRAY has accommodated everybody, and I know in these discussions that would be her intent as well. I appreciate the Senator's interest in being involved in these discussions. I want to say that we hope to include anybody that has an interest in it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?