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Mrs. CLINTON. Madam President, I rise today to speak in support of S. 1218, the Iran Libya Sanctions Extension Act of 2001. This legislation will extend for another five years the Iran Libya Sanctions Act of 1996, which would otherwise expire on August 5, 2001.

In 1996 Congress unanimously enacted ILSA in response to Iran’s emergence as the leading state sponsor of international terrorism, its accelerated campaign to develop weapons of mass destruction, its denial of Israel’s right to exist, and its efforts to undermine the stability and security of the Middle East. It was in 1996 that the United States decided to impose sanctions on Iran to stop it from furthering its destruction, its denial of Israel’s right to exist, its accelerated international terrorism, its accelerated development of weapons of mass destruction, and its support for terrorist groups.

In February of this year, I met with families of the American victims of the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 in 1988. Brian Flynn, from New York City, re-called driving to John F. Kennedy airport, this time, to go to the Netherlands to listen to the verdict against two Libyan nationals indicted for the bombing. A Libyan intelligence officer was found guilty of murder in the bombing. Brian was killed when a bomb exploded in the car in which he was a passenger. In the closing arguments of the trial, the judge stated that the defendant, the Libyan intelligence officer, was guilty of murder in the bombing. Brian was killed when a bomb exploded in the car in which he was a passenger. In the closing arguments of the trial, the judge stated that the defendant, the Libyan intelligence officer, was guilty of murder in the bombing.

By acting now to renew ILSA, the Senate is sending a clear message to Iran and Libya that their dangerous support for terrorism and efforts to develop weapons of mass destruction are unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Mr. SARBANES. Madam President, I ask for the yeas and nays on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. SARBANES. Madam President, I want to make it clear to colleagues that I am ready to speak on the nomination of Wade Horn to be HHS Assistant Secretary for Family Support. We are moving forward and are trying to get some work done. I am ready to speak. I think there are other Senators who want to speak in favor of the nomination. My guess is that it is a relatively uncontroversial nomination and there will be strong support. It can be a voice vote. It doesn’t matter to me whether we can get the quorum now, I am ready to do so. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, pursuant to the order of July 24, I now ask that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations of Wade Horn and Hector Barreto. I believe the time allotted for Mr. Horn is 2 hours and the time for Mr. Barreto is a half hour.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, will the majority leader yield?

Mr. DASCHLE. I am happy to yield.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, I do want to say to the majority leader, I do not think we will need anywhere near that much time. So I say it can probably be done in an hour with people speaking on both sides.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, for the information of our colleagues, it may be that we will have one rollcall vote on the Iran-Libyan Sanctions Act at some point. Currently, it is scheduled for 6:30. I understand that vote has been scheduled for 6:30 to accommodate some Senators who are attending a memorial service. I would suggest we proceed now to the nomination of Mr. Horn. And we will provide our colleagues with more information as it is made available to us. I yield the floor.