the importance of supporting children and families. We agree on the importance of bipartisan work on children's issues, especially in the area of child welfare and adoption. We agree about the importance of direct and honest communication and cooperation between Congress and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Because I have worked with Dr. Wade Horn on the Children's Commission and during his previous position in the first Bush administration, I am confident that he will be a committed leader on children's issues in this administration. I look forward to working with him, including on the reauthorization of the Safe and Stable Families Program this year.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, what is the pending business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The pending business is the nomination of Wade Horn.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak on the pending business for up to 10 minutes.

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

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I want to speak on behalf of the nominee to be Assistant Secretary for Children and Families at the Department of Health and Human Services, Dr. Wade Horn.

I got to know Dr. Horn while working with him on several fatherhood initiatives. He has been an outstanding leader in the fatherhood movement. And I am confident that he will serve with distinction in the position to which he has been nominated.

Dr. Horn is a dedicated public servant, a distinguished child psychologist, a skilled administrator, and an excellent choice to lead the Administration for Children and Families—a key and critical position for the administration.

Dr. Horn is a highly respected child psychiatrist, with a proven record of both competence and integrity. He has consistently demonstrated his deep commitment to increasing the well-being, strength, and stability of families and children in general, and at-risk children in particular.

It bears mention that Dr. Horn was previously confirmed by the Senate 11 years ago for the position of commissioner of the Administration for Children, Youth, and Families. As the Commissioner for the Children, Youth, and Families Administration, Dr. Horn administered numerous programs serving children and families, including Head Start, foster care and adoption assistance, runaway and homeless youth shelters, and various anti-drug programs.

Since leaving the Department of Health and Human Services, Dr. Horn has served as the President of the National Fatherhood Initiative—where I really got to know him—a nonpartisan initiative which has drawn the support and involvement of several Senators from both sides of the aisle, including myself, Senator Lieberman, Senator Carper, and Senator Bayh. As the President of the Fatherhood Initiative, Dr. Horn has been at the forefront of the effort to encourage fathers to become more involved in the lives of their children and families. Their Fatherhood Initiative has conducted both national forums and targeted outreach programs to at-risk families to encourage increased responsibility, affection, support, and involvement of fathers, something so desperately needed in our country. He has also authored regular columns dispensing advice to parents on how to raise healthier, happier, and more secure children, which have helped and encouraged literally thousands of families across the country.

One of the criticisms leveled against Dr. Horn is that he has sat on the board of Marriage Savers, and has been involved in marriage promotion programs. Why this is a criticism, I am not sure. Dr. Horn would never, has never advocated that anyone stay in an abusive marriage. No one believes this, despite inferences to the contrary on the floor of this Senate. What he has done is work with groups that work with couples who want to strengthen their marriage and their family. And I would think that working towards strengthening marriage in our country—which has, let me note, a divorce rate near 50 percent—would be regarded as a positive qualification, not grounds for criticism.

We have Marriage Savers programs in Kansas. In two counties in the State of Kansas, Marriage Savers programs have helped to reduce divorce rates by over thirty percent in that area. This is a great achievement, not a questionable activity. That Dr. Horn's involvement with Marriage Savers—a group dedicated to working with individuals who have requested assistance in strengthening their marriage—would somehow be cited as a red flag in Dr. Horn's record is utterly baffling.

Dr. Horn has never advocated that women stay in abusive situations. He is saying that in marriages where children are involved, it is a good thing for a father to try to work through their problems.

With the background, temperment, and record that Dr. Horn has, it is difficult to understand why this nomination should have generated any debate at all. I don't think that anyone can credibly raise a question about Dr. Horn's qualifications for the job. I look forward to the confirmation of Dr. Horn to the position of Assistant Secretary for Children and Families at the Department of Health and Human Services, and I wish him the best in this important position.

Finally, I note that this is an extraordinarily qualified nominee to this position. He is a person who has worked in this field virtually his entire life, who has worked successfully in this field and in an area of endeavor in which we need a lot of help. Our children and families are suffering in this country. Dr. Horn has worked himself, personally and directly, to put families back together. That is something we should be applauding, not questioning or condemning.

I strongly support the nomination of Dr. Wade Horn to this position within the Department of Health and Human Services.

Mr. President, I yield the floor. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, on behalf of Senator Wellstone, I yield back his time on the Horn nomination. Madam President, is there further time on the other side?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There are 2½ minutes remaining.

NOMINATION OF HECTOR V. BARRETO, JR., OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent, under the direction and authority of the majority leader, that we now move, pursuant to an order entered on July 24, to the Barreto nomination, for the Small Business Administration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Hector V. Barreto, Jr., of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The clerk will report the nomination.
Mr. DORGAN. Madam President, I rise to briefly discuss the nomination of Hector Barreto to head the Small Business Administration. I note that Senator KERRY, the chairman of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, supports this nomination. I plan to support the nomination as well as I think he is a good appointment. He will seek connections with me that look forward to working with him in his new role as Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

As he begins his tenure at the SBA, I did not want this moment to go by without pointing out to him, and to the SBA, that we face, in my judgment, a rather severe challenge about an issue that concerns me greatly. Let me describe the issue.

The SBA has packaged up a series of loans that it has made, including disaster loans, and sold them with deep discounts to financial companies around the country. The representation to the American people was that this would benefit the American people all, and it is just a matter of selling them so that the SBA does not have to do loan servicing.

That sounded benign enough, I guess, to almost everybody in the country. It sounded benign enough to Congress. And so the SBA sold loans, including disaster loans.

Let me describe the impact of what has happened as a result of the sale of those loans.

Most Americans will remember the great flood in the Red River Valley in 1997, when the city of Grand Forks, ND, with nearly 50,000 residents, had to evacuate the entire city. The city was inundated with floodwaters from the Red River. In the middle of the flood, after the entire city had been evacuated, a fire started in the downtown area of the city. So we had the spectacle of a city worth of falling in 3 months and when the snow melted, it caused a dramatic flood along the Red River, inundating the city of Grand Forks. Then a fire started in the middle of the city, and firetrucks tried to get into the evacuated city on flatbeds and various devices to fight a fire in the center of downtown Grand Forks.

It was a devastating time for the people of Grand Forks. When the waters receded, too many homeowners and business men and women of Grand Forks, came back to their homes and businesses to find severe damage. They found massive damage in buildings all across the city.

The city, of course, was helped by FEMA, the SBA and other agencies of the Federal Government. President Clinton came to Grand Forks and said: You’re not alone. The American people are with you. The American people want to help. And, indeed, the American people did.

This Congress was generous to the communities along the Red River Valley and to Grand Forks especially. Grand Forks and East Grand Forks were hit very hard, and they required a substantial amount of help.

So many of these businesses and families, in order to get back on their feet, took a low-interest SBA loan, often a 4-percent loan with a rather lengthy term. We provide disaster loans in law so that the SBA can help these families and businesses get back on their feet after a natural disaster.

Then, after these businesses and homeowners were able to get the loans to help them get back on their feet, the SBA sold the loans, including disaster loans, to private companies. These are private financial companies that come in and buy a batch of loans and often pay about 70 cents on the dollar and then assume the responsibility for servicing the loans.

That is a long story to tell you where we are at the moment. We have discovered that homeowners and businesses in Grand Forks, ND, that were hit with one disaster—that is, a disaster coming through their own community—are in the middle of another disaster. These people have discovered that their disaster loans were sold to private companies. These loans are now being serviced by private companies who have put many of these families and business owners right smack in a pair of handcuffs when it comes to trying to sell their home and buy another home or sell an asset in a business in order to buy another asset to make the business more efficient.

The companies that bought these loans are now saying: No, you can’t substitute collateral. If you do that, you are going to have to pay the same very substantial fee. We will not allow you to transfer these loans to other companies. The company is sticking to the terms of the SBA loan with respect to the interest rate and time but is not nearly as flexible as the SBA has always been with these homeowners and businesses. The SBA would tell borrowers: We understand, we will allow you to transfer the lien to the next home you are going to buy, or, we understand, you can purchase these additional assets your business needs to become more efficient and transfer the lien from the other asset you are going to sell.

What homeowners and small business owners are discovering now is that no such flexibility exists with private companies. Instead, they are told: No dice. No way.

He had no idea that would be the case. He had no idea the SBA would sell his disaster loan to a private company that won’t allow him to transfer a lien as the SBA has almost always allowed. He had no idea that the company that won’t allow him to transfer a lien and who has simply purchased the loan. They have simply said: No dice. No way.

What he is saying is that he has been handcuffed by this process.

The letter continues: Nobody was going to make our community whole overnight, but these loans over 30 years, would go a long way in helping. Then he describes his need to have flexibility to purchase additional assets and the difficulty he has had trying to negotiate with the company that purchased the loan. They have simply said: No dice. No way.

What is going to happen is that he has been hit with a disaster discover there is something wrong with this process.

We ought not sell disaster loans. We simply should not do that. The SBA should service those loans and do so in a thoughtful and rational way. Let’s not sell those loans. We certainly ought not allow citizens who have been hit with a disaster discover there is a second disaster around the corner if they need to sell a home and purchase another or need to purchase an essential asset for their business but can’t sell the old asset because they can’t transfer the lien. This is not a fair thing to do.

We ought to do a couple things. No. 1, we should ask the new SBA head—someone who I intend to support and vote for, Mr. Barreto—to work with us to see that these companies that have purchased the old loans will use the same flexibility in servicing those loans as the SBA previously did.

No. 2, let’s not have the SBA selling these loans in the future. That is not the right thing and the fair thing to do. It may require legislation, I expect, to prevent that. I hope to discuss that
with some of my colleagues and hope they will agree that those who have been hit with disaster in this country don’t want to have their loans taken over by a private company that is able to buy deeply discounted SBA disaster loans. This is not the right thing to do to the citizens of this country who have suffered through a disaster. We can do better. I hope we will. I hope my comments will be noted by Mr. Barreto. I wish him well. Although I don’t expect there will be a recorded vote on his nomination today, I think he is a good appointment. I commend the President for offering this candidate for public service. I hope we can get together and visit about this important issue very soon, when he assumes office.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri.

Mr. BOND. Madam President, I yield myself up to 5 minutes of the time on this side on the nomination of Mr. Hector V. Barreto.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

Mr. BOND. Madam President, it is a pleasure to rise today to join with my colleagues and urge them to support the President’s nomination of Hector V. Barreto, Jr., as Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

We have just received word that there will be a voice vote rather than a recorded vote. For the friends and supporters of Mr. Barreto, that simply means that everybody has agreed upon it, and apparently we will not have to go through a rollcall vote. It does not mean in any way that we view this nomination as less important. It is just that as a result of the work done on the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, his nomination should go through.

He was approved unanimously by the committee under the leadership of my colleague, Chairman John Kerry. The nomination of Mr. Barreto comes at a critical time when the Small Business Administration’s assistance and development programs will be tested very thoroughly as a result of the slowing economy.

The SBA has a promising future and a very important mission that can best be realized with effective leadership to refocus the agency on the programs and missions established by Congress. I believe President Bush has shown his commitment to supporting that mission and the Nation’s Main Street small business community by his nomination of Mr. Barreto.

The need for a proven leader with a track record of business experience has never been greater at the SBA. It is time the SBA concentrate on sound management, operational effectiveness, and existing programs rather than expanding its reach with new programs.

I expect Hector Barreto’s experience in the financial services industry, his standing in the small business and Latino communities will serve the President, the Nation, and small business very well.

When we review Mr. Barreto’s credentials, it is easy to see he has exceptionally fine roots. He was born and reared in Kansas City, MO. He went to high school in Kansas City. He received his degree from Rockhurst University, also in Kansas City. I have known his father, a prominent business leader in the Hispanic community, for many years. Even though he comes to us from California, I assure you, he really is a Missourian at heart.

Hector Barreto, Sr., founded the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and in recent years Hector Barreto, Jr., has been serving on its board of directors. With his Missouri heritage and business foundation, there really isn’t much more that needs to be said about the President’s nominee.

Seriously, however, we should look closely at Mr. Barreto’s small business background and business experience. His early work immediately out of college was as area manager for the Miller Brewing Company. But his small business experience began in earnest when he moved to California and established the Barreto Insurance and Financial Services Company. His goal simply was to provide insurance and financial services to southern California’s expanding Latino population.

It takes a lot of nerve and confidence in one’s abilities just 3 years after finishing college to move halfway across the United States to set up a small business.

His business should be distinguished from the go-go dot-com undertakings of the 1990s. He is not waiting to be separated from their money. Mr. Barreto’s small business was and is more of a Main Street USA variety, and his goal simply was to provide insurance and financial services that were very much needed in the minority community in Southern California.

With each new Presidential administration, we hear how difficult it is to attract top-notch talent to serve in the often thankless and usually criticized jobs of serving in Government. We are fortunate to have someone of the caliber of Mr. Barreto who knows what it is to start a small business from scratch and work hard to make it grow. This is the American dream of millions of entrepreneurs. His exposure to the challenges he faced will serve him well as SBA Administrator.

We should not lose sight of the fact that Mr. Barreto is making a sacrifice by leaving his small business to spend the next 3, maybe 4, maybe more, years at the call to Government service. Mr. Barreto won’t be there to run his business. We need to remember that Hector Barreto is not a senior company official leaving a large business where there is always someone ready to step up from the ranks to take over. Most often in a small business there is no next generation in the ranks, and the small business suffers or closes its doors when the owner leaves.

Although he may not be closing his business for good, Mr. Barreto is taking a long leave of absence and the business is going into an extended status of hibernation. His is a significant sacrifice.

As ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I have had the opportunity to discuss with him his views on targeting the most critical problems at the SBA and prioritizing solutions that might be implemented. I sincerely appreciate the energy and dedication of Mr. Barreto approaches these tasks.

We have a ripe opportunity to retool the SBA and its programs to better capitalize on the remarkable potential small business offers to fuel the economy and generate economic growth.

I am confident that Hector Barreto will do a solid job at the helm of the SBA. I look forward to working with him to address key concerns about agency programs and operations.

I urge and thank my colleagues for their support of the President’s nomination of Hector V. Barreto, Jr., to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Madam President, I now yield 5 minutes or as much time as he should require to the distinguished Senator from Virginia, Mr. ALLEN, a member of our committee, and ask that any remaining time be reserved.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. ALLEN. Madam President, I thank the ranking member of the Senate Committee, Senator Bond, who cares a great deal about small business issues.

I am pleased to stand with my colleagues and for all the people in the Senate today and give my support for the confirmation of Hector V. Barreto, Jr., as Administrator of the Small Business Administration, which is, of course, the top post in that agency.

On July 19, the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, of which I am a member, unanimously approved Mr. Barreto for the position of Administrator of the Small Business Administration. As a member of the committee, it was my privilege to attend the hearing and cast my vote in support of this fine candidate.

What also was very inspirational was Mr. Hector V. Barreto, Sr., and his story, a gentleman who came up from Mexico, settled in Missouri, and started a business. And then Hector, of course, went on even further.

It really is the American dream of opportunity, of a small business, a man
with a dream, his father, and then ob-
vously inculcating in his son that same sort of spirit and hard work and de-
dication and honesty.

I know that Mr. Barreto, Sr. was very
proud of his young son and what every-
one was saying about him that day of
the committee hearing.

This nomination does come at a par-
ticularly crucial time, as the SBA will
need the guidance of a strong and qual-
ified leader to ensure that its as-
sistance and development programs are
available to small businesses during this
time of challenging, slowing eco-

I thank the Chair and I yield back
the remainder of my time.

Mr. KERRY. Madam President. I join
with my colleagues in support of the
President’s nomination of Hector V.
Barreto Jr. to be Administrator of the
U.S. Small Business Administration, or
SBA.

Mr. Barreto was born and raised
in Kansas City, MO. He received a B.S./
B.A. degree in management and Span-
ish in 1983 from Kansas City’s
Rockhurst College.

As Administrator of the SBA, it will
serve Mr. Barreto well that he comes
from the small business community
and can appreciate the challenges
small businesses owners face. He founded
Barreto Insurance and Financial Serv-
ces in 1986 and serves as president-
owner. The firm provides financial
services and business insurance to the
Los Angeles area Latino community.
He also founded a second business,
TELACU-Barreto Financial Services,
which is one of the first Latino-owned
securities broker-dealers, specializing
in retirement-pension plans.

Mr. Barreto has been active in Latino
business affairs. He has served as vice-
chair of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of
Commerce, an organization founded
by his father, Hector Barreto, Sr. He also
has served as chair of the Latin Busi-
ess Association. founding Member of
the New America Alliance and chair of
the Latin Business PAC, and on several

corporate boards, including GE Finan-
cial Advisory Board, Sempra Energy
Advisory Board and the TELACU In-
dustries Board of Directors. Many of
these groups have joined more than 90
others in support of Mr. Barreto’s nom-
ination.

I am pleased with Mr. Barreto’s small
business roots and admire his efforts to
empower Hispanic Americans to share
in our country’s economic vitality. I
hope he will bring the insights gained
from his experiences to his leadership
at the SBA.

SBA has played an instrumental role
spurring the growth of this country’s
small businesses. The Agency has
helped Americans start, run, and grow
their businesses by offering access to
credit and capital, procurement guid-
ance, business management education
and technical assistance.

I met with Mr. Barreto last week. We
had a good discussion about SBA and
the many issues and obstacles that
minority and women-owned entre-
preneurs must face on a daily basis. I
look forward to working together with
Mr. Barreto to make the SBA even
more effective than it’s been.

There is a strong benchmark from
which to start. SBA’s record has been
nothing short of extraordinary, par-
ticularly in view of a 22 percent staff
level reduction. From 1993 through
2000, SBA provided more services to
more small businesses than in the en-
tire previous history of the Agency. Its
loan portfolio almost quintupled from
$10 billion to nearly $50 billion and its
venture capital dollars practically dou-
bled from $10.2 billion to over $19 bil-

Mr. Barreto is in the shaping of SBA’s
budget. The administration’s commit-
tment to small businesses should start
with SBA’s new Administrator. Specifi-
cally, we will look to Mr. Barreto, for the vi-
sion, leadership, and management
skills required for SBA to surpass the
progress made by the Agency over the
last 8 years in supporting and encou-
rage small business and entrepreneur-
ship.

I urge my colleagues to support Mr.
Barreto’s nomination.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Madam President,
I am proud to express my support for
Hector Barreto, nominee for Admin-
istrator of the Small Business Admin-
istration, and a fellow Californian.

Mr. Barreto has been involved with
small business concerns from an early
age. His father, Hector Barreto, Sr.,
helped found the U.S. Hispanic Cham-
ber of Commerce. As a young adult, the
nominee helped his father manage a
family restaurant, an export-import
business, and a company.

In 1986, Barreto founded a small busi-
ness of his own: Barreto Insurance and
Financial Services.
The entrepreneur designed the firm to address a lack of financial services available to Southern California’s rapidly growing Latino population. Today, the firm generates $3 million in sales a year, and is considered one of the premier insurance and retirement planning firms in Los Angeles.

Barreto also acts as the vice chairman of the board of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and until 1997, he was chairman of the board for the Latin Business Association in Los Angeles.

Barreto founded the Latin Business Association Institute, an extension of the Latin Business Association, to provide technical assistance, education, and business development opportunities to Latin Business Association members.

For his dedication and commitment to the Latino Business Community, Barreto was awarded the Gold Medal of honor by the Multicultural Institute of Leadership for his work in promoting diversity and improving race relations.

In addition, he has received special recognition from Congress, the California State Senate and Assembly, the County of Los Angeles, the Mayor’s office, the City of Los Angeles, YMCA, California State Senate and Assembly, the Mayor’s office, the City of Los Angeles, YMCA, and the American Red Cross.

The number of small businesses continues to rise exponentially both in California and across the country. I look forward to working with Mr. Barreto to see that our small businesses flourish. I am pleased to support his nomination.

Ms. CANTWELL. Madam President, I rise in support of the nomination of Hector Barreto to the position of Administrator for the Small Business Administration.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee Chairman KERRY and Ranking Member BOND for working so diligently on issues affecting small businesses. Small businesses, always important to our communities and our economy, have taken new and heightened importance in our changing economy.

The position for which Mr. Barreto has been nominated for, Administrator of the Small Business Administration, has probably never had as much significance as it does in the current economy. Small businesses are now, more than ever, a source of the innovation that is critical to the continued growth of the economy. In my state, one of the largest high-tech companies, Microsoft, was a small business not so long ago. As we have watched our unemployment figures drop now for several years, small businesses have been the largest community contributing to job creation.

In fact, many of the leading high-tech companies in America were small businesses only years ago—or remain small businesses today. But along with the great successes, there are many small businesses with great ideas that have yet to get a foothold in our economy. For many minority and woman-owned, need the assistance of the Small Business Administration.

I was alarmed when the administration presented its first budget with deep cuts in SBA funding. Fortunately, Senators KERRY and BOND were able to restore much of that money in the Senate Budget Resolution and I would hope that as Administrator, Mr. Barreto would work to forestall any future efforts by others in the administration to impair SBA’s ability to fulfill its important mission.

The President’s budget requested no money for the SBA’s new markets venture capital program and the National Veterans’ Business Development Corporation. In its efforts to help veterans, particularly service-disabled veterans, who want to start or expand their businesses and develop a plan to become self-sustaining by fiscal year 2005. The President’s budget freezes funding for the Women’s Business Centers at $12 million and the Women’s Business Council at $750,000. The Council is very helpful to the Congress, monitoring and researching the contribution of women business owners and the obstacles they face, including increasing their access to government contracts loans, and venture capital.

These programs have been extremely valuable to the small business and entrepreneurial communities. I hope that as Administrator, Mr. Barreto will defend these programs and help the administration understand their significance for veterans, women, and minorities. I think expanding and diversifying the pool of small business owners is one of the most significant areas in which the SBA contributes, and an area in which I believe the Small Business Administration can do more.

I congratulate Mr. Barreto and urge Senators to vote to confirm him as Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Mrs. CARNAHAN. Madam President, small businesses are the backbone of the American economy. They create two of every three new jobs, produce 39 percent of the nation’s product and are responsible for more than half of the Nation’s technological innovation.

Our Nation’s 20 million small businesses provide dynamic opportunities for all Americans. Therefore, I believe we need a strong administrator to ensure that the SBA functions effectively on behalf of America’s small businesses.

Mr. Barreto is a native of Kansas City, Missouri, and has demonstrated a belief in the entrepreneurial spirit of small business owners.

As Chairman of the Board for the Latino Business Association, Mr. Barreto has shown his commitment to providing Latino Americans with business opportunities, education, and technical assistance. He also serves as the Vice Chairman of the Board of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. In this capacity, Mr. Barreto is successfully representing the interests of the Hispanic business community by strengthening national economic development programs and increasing business relationships between the corporate sector and Hispanic owned businesses.

I am pleased that the President has put forward a nominee with such a strong record of leadership and commitment to promoting the success of small businesses. I supported Mr. Barreto’s nomination in the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and I am similarly pleased to support his nomination here on the floor of the United States Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who yields time?

Mr. REID. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, it is my understanding that we are now in executive session; is that right?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. REID. Pending before the Senate is the nomination of Hector Barreto; is that right?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Barreto nomination is the pending nomination.

VOTE ON THE NOMINATION OF WADE HORN

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who yields time?

Mr. REID. We have had no request for a rollcall vote. I ask that we move forward on the vote at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is all time yielded back on the nomination? Mr. REID. On this nomination I don’t think there is any time to yield back. If there is, I ask unanimous consent that it be yielded back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Shall the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I move to reconsider the vote of Mr. ALLEN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

VOTE ON THE NOMINATION OF WADE HORN

Mr. REID. It is my understanding that now the confirmation of the nomination of Wade Horn would be the next matter before the Senate.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct. There are 2½ minutes remaining.

Mr. REID. The time of the Senator from Minnesota has been yielded back. I ask unanimous consent that the 2½ minutes controlled by the minority be yielded back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered. All time is yielded back.

The question is, Shall the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

Mr. REID. I move to reconsider the vote.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, under a previous order, we had agreed to a vote at 6:30 p.m. I know the memorial service is still underway. We will accommodate Senators who have other plans. I ask that we proceed with the vote. I also note this will be the last vote of the evening.

I have not yet been given a report from our negotiators as to the status of the ongoing discussions with regard to Mexican trucking, but I will file a cloture motion tonight and expect if we are able to resolve these questions, we can vitiate it in the morning. With that, I think we ought to proceed with the vote.

ILSA EXTENSION ACT OF 2001—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the hour of 6:30 p.m. having arrived, the question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question before the Senate is, Shall the bill, S. 1218, pass? The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 96, nays 2, as follows:

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YEAS—96

Akaka
Allen
Baucus
Baucus
Bayh
Bennett
Biden
Bingaman
Bond
Boxer
Breaux
Brownback
Brownback
Burns
Byrd
Campbell
Cantwell
Carnahan
Carper
Chafee
Cheney
Coakley
Collins
Conrad
Cochran
Cornyn
Corzine
Corker
Cuban
Dayton
DeWine
Dodd
Gage
Gangell
NAYS—2

Hagel
Landrieu

The bill (S. 1218) was passed, as follows:

S. 1218

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “ILSA Extension Act of 2001.”

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF IRAN AND LIBYA SANCTIONS ACT OF 1996.

Section 13(b) of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; Public Law 104–172) is amended by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”.

SEC. 3. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO LIBYA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(b)(2) of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; 110 Stat. 1548) is amended by striking “40,000,000” each place it appears and inserting “20,000,000”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to investments made on or after June 13, 2001.

SEC. 4. REVISED DEFINITION OF INVESTMENT.

Section 14(9) of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; 110 Stat. 1549) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: “For purposes of this paragraph, an amendment or other modification that is made, on or after June 13, 2001, to an agreement or contract shall be treated as the entry of an agreement or contract.”

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.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002—Continued

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. 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 amendment No. 1025, the Murray-Shelby substitute amendment.


CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I send a second 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 the debate on H.R. 2299, the Transportation Appropriations Act.


CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent of the Senate to lay the bill on the table.