

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

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate insists on its amendments and requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses and appoints the following conferees on the part of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DAYTON) appointed Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INOUE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. BYRD, Mr. GREGG, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. COCHRAN conferees on the part of the Senate.

AMENDMENT NO. 1563

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order, after passage of H.R. 2500, for the Senate to consider a Collins amendment, which is at the desk; that the amendment be considered agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), for Ms. COLLINS, proposes an amendment numbered 1563.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 1563) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To provide funding for the Rapid Response Program in Washington and Hancock Counties, Maine)

On page 34, line 5, after "Act" insert " , of which \$250,000 shall be for a grant to the Rapid Response Program in Washington and Hancock Counties, Maine".

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I thank the chairman of the committee for the tremendous effort he has done on this bill and for his very courteous approach to the Republican membership as we brought this bill forward.

I thank his staff, led by Lila Helms, who did a superb job. I especially thank my staff who worked hours, nights and days in many instances, led by Jim Morhard, who has done an extraordinary job to bring this bill to its present status. It is an excellent bill.

I appreciate the support of the Senate. I thank the Members who supported this bill.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, let me thank the distinguished Senator from New Hampshire. We could not have passed this bill without his leadership and without his cooperation, and particularly without his vision with respect to terrorism. The Senator

from New Hampshire was our chairman back in May. He held 3 days of hearings that got this comprehensive provision in the particular State-Justice-Commerce appropriations measure.

Let me also thank his staff: Jim Morhard, Kevin Linskey, Katherine Hennessey, and Nancy Perkins; and, of course, my own staff: Lila Helms, Jill Shapiro Long, Dereck Orr, and Luke Nachbar.

I thank particularly the staff that really gets it done: Lula Davis, Marty Paione, Peter Arapis, Gary Myrick, and Tim Mitchell; the distinguished majority leader; and, most of all, the distinguished assistant majority leader who has been working around the clock. He is still working. I want him to hear my words of praise because HARRY REID of Nevada really got us moving and got these things accomplished. I couldn't feel more personally indebted to him for his leadership.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia is recognized.

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I was at the White House today with the President discussing all aspects of this present crisis. In the course of the conversations, he specifically referred to the fact that America must be understanding of those of Arab dissent, especially those who are American citizens, and indeed others who are here for various reasons. This terrible crisis should not reflect across the board on that culture. For it, I think, will eventually be seen as a very small fraction. I commend the President for our meeting today.

I have for over 40 years had the privilege and the opportunity to be in the Oval Office. I started with President Eisenhower as a young person in the White House. I have been in that office with every successive President on a variety of matters. Our President, in the brief meeting of about 20 minutes or so with the two Senators from New York, my colleague, GEORGE ALLEN, myself, Condoleezza Rice, and Andrew Card, his chief, was absolutely calm. He was comfortable. He was knowledgeable. You got the feeling that he is a President who knew precisely what was going on and what has to be done. He was resolute and spoke with clarity about how he will take certain steps to right the criminal wrongs that have been done against our country in due course. He is going to do it on his own timetable—nobody will pressure him—when he has the facts in hand to hold those accountable for these crimes against our country.

I am very proud of our President. Indeed, he said that this is going to take time. It might not be one; it might be two; who knows how many actions we will have to take. But let there be no

doubt that this country is resolute in its determination, and that our citizens will be proud of the manner in which men and women of the Armed Forces and all other portions of our Government will respond to this crisis and do whatever we can to see that it doesn't happen again.

I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

A DAY OF EMOTIONS

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, as we wind up this extraordinary day, it has been a day of tremendous emotional swings. Earlier this morning, I came to this floor grief stricken having just talked to a family from Florida who had lost one of their members. Later on in the day, I talked to a police officer, now a widower of the flight attendant on the airliner that crashed in Pennsylvania who called her husband telling him that it had been hijacked and that she wanted to tell him that she loved him and she wanted their boys to know that she loved them. That is the flight that we have heard so many reports was targeted coming into Washington. It had made a 180-degree turn, having left Newark, westbound, and was headed to Washington. In fact, we have heard so many stories of other cellular telephone calls from the airplane that would indicate that the passengers, who were the real heroes, had indicated they knew that the hijackers were intent on harm to the Nation, and they were going to overcome the hijackers. In fact, they did—at their own peril, at their own demise, but being tremendous heroes to this country.

So it has been that kind of day. We have gone from the swings of the emotion of the lows, with those kinds of grief-stricken experiences, to the highs of where we have never seen this place so unified. We have never seen both sides of the aisle come together as they have in recent American political history. We have never seen the unity of the legislative branch of Government and the executive branch.

So it has been an extraordinary day. It has been an extraordinary 3 days. I am just grateful to be one participant, along with my colleague from Minnesota, who is the Presiding Officer.

I will defer to the great leader we have from the State of Nevada, a man who is the glue that pulls us all together, who gives the support that is the right hand to our great majority leader. It is my privilege to relinquish the floor so he might speak.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I express my appreciation to my friend from Florida for those flattering words.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now