

specific bus that GSA offers. This does not require anyone to buy anything. This does provide an option that they can use for purchasing if they desire to do so.

However, in the next 12 to 18 months, GSA plans to broaden the program to a multiple award schedule with a larger variety of vehicles and optional equipment choices, which of course will benefit everyone.

We understand GSA is concerned that it may not be able today to adequately implement this new option. Consequently, the amendment directs GSA to notify the committee of jurisdiction if it finds that the program is resulting in unanticipated costs or impacts. We try in the language to give GSA the opportunity to do that if they determine that that is required.

This is a meritorious amendment. It is one I would very much like to see adopted as part of this legislation. I urge my colleagues to support it.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the amendment?

If not, the question is on agreeing to amendment No. 1576.

The amendment (No. 1576) was agreed to.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CARPER. 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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.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. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to address the Senate for 5 minutes.

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

ACTS OF BRAVERY AND KINDNESS FOLLOWING THE TERRORIST ATTACK

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, during the course of the past week, we have witnessed extraordinary acts of bravery: aboard the aircraft that were hijacked, at the World Trade Center Towers, and at the Pentagon.

In addition, we have witnessed extraordinary acts of kindness by people from all walks of life in this Nation who have reached into their own pockets and hearts and sought to comfort those who have lost loved ones, who sought to donate something of their own, including their blood and money, to assist those who have suffered egregious losses.

Earlier this afternoon, I visited the Dover Air Force Base in the State of Delaware and spent time at the mortuary where the bodies of scores of victims of the crash and tragedy at the Pentagon are being taken. There I had

the opportunity to thank men and women—active duty reservists, members of the National Guard, and civilians—who have come from all across the country in order to try to identify the remains of those who lost their lives in the crash at the Pentagon, in order to try to be able to provide to families who lost loved ones a sense of closure, to be able to take the remains of their husband, wife, son, or daughter and to be able to give them a proper funeral, to lay them to rest at their final resting place with dignity.

The job is as difficult and challenging as perhaps any job that has been undertaken in the wake of these tragedies. I want to express on behalf of not just the people of Delaware and those of us in my State who are affected, but people throughout the country who are touched and have lost a relative, a loved one, who will have that sense of closure because of the efforts going on today, yesterday, last week, and the days to follow at the Dover Air Force Base.

We are fortunate in this country to have so many heroes and heroines. As I speak some of them are working in the central part of the second smallest State in America.

I yield the floor and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002—Continued

AMENDMENTS NOS. 1577 AND 1578, EN BLOC

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator CAMPBELL and myself, I send two amendments to the desk and ask they be agreed to en bloc. They are a Campbell amendment for Senators FEINGOLD, GRASSLEY, and HARKIN regarding shipments of day-old poultry, and a Dorgan for Kohl amendment regarding information on foreign animal disease. I send the amendments to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows: The Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], for Mr. CAMPBELL, for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HARKIN, proposes an amendment numbered 1577.

The Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], for Mr. KOHL, proposes an amendment numbered 1578.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendments are agreed to.

The amendments (Nos. 1577 and 1578) were agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1577

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 39.

Section 5402(d) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by—

(1) inserting “(1)” after “(d)”; and

(2) inserting at the end the following:

“(2)(A) In the exercise of its authority under paragraph (1), the Postal Service may require any air carrier to accept as mail shipments of day-old poultry and such other live animals as postal regulations allow to be transmitted as mail matter. The authority of the Postal Service under this subparagraph shall not apply in the case of any air carrier who commonly and regularly refuses to accept any live animals as cargo.

“(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Postal Service is authorized to assess, as postage to be paid by the mailers of any shipments covered by subparagraph (A), a reasonable surcharge that the Postal Service determines in its discretion to be adequate to compensate air carriers for any necessary additional expense incurred in handling such shipments.

“(C) The authority of the Postal Service under subparagraph (B) shall apply during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this paragraph, and ending September 30, 2005.”

AMENDMENT NO. 1578

(Purpose: To improve the collection of information relating to the introduction of foreign animal disease)

On page 26, after line 8 insert the following new section:

“SEC. . . None of the funds appropriated or made available by this Act may be used for the production of Customs Declarations that do not inquire whether the passenger had been in the proximity of livestock.”

Mr. DORGAN. 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 1578

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I congratulate Senator DORGAN and Senator CAMPBELL, chairman and ranking member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, for their fine work in crafting the bill now before the Senate. I also thank them for accepting an amendment I have offered to help strengthen this country's safeguards against the possible introduction of foreign animal disease.

I serve as chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies, and we have given substantial attention to the ongoing problems of exotic pests and disease that have been introduced into this country over the years. Attention and concern for this problem has been heightened this past year with reports from the United Kingdom where outbreaks of foot and mouth disease have severely harmed the British economy and, in particular, rural areas in the British Isles. The U.S. livestock sector quickly realized the danger that the spread of foot and mouth disease, and similar infectious