

We said there has to be more money to prevent terrorists from acquiring nuclear weapons or the materials to build them. This agreement includes more money to do just that. We said we must keep our word to New York. This package does that. It doesn't meet all of America's homeland security needs. It doesn't even meet all of our most urgent homeland security needs. But it is better than the inadequate proposal we started out with. It is a downpayment on a stronger, more secure America. In that regard, it is at least a partial victory for the American people. For that reason, I intend to support it, and I hope my colleagues will as well.

When this debate began, Democrats proposed a \$20 billion homeland security package as part of a larger economic recovery plan. We believe strongly that was the right thing to do. After all, if we want people to get back on planes, and go on with their business and their lives, they need to know they are safe. But our Republican colleagues refused to even talk about homeland security as long as it was part of an economic recovery plan. So we agreed to take homeland security out of our economic plan. Then, the other side said \$20 billion is too much for homeland security. So we cut \$5 billion from our proposal. They said even that was too much. So we cut our proposal in half—to \$7.5 billion.

Again and again, we have made principled compromises in an effort to reach a bipartisan solution. Now we are accepting even further reductions in size of the package—in exchange for a commitment from our Republican friends that they will support more money for bioterrorism and other urgent homeland security needs. We want to caution our friends, however. We will not compromise our principles. We will not compromise the safety of the American people. We expect to see these commitments in the final conference report. We do not want a plan that sells our homeland security short.

Sixty years ago today, more than 4,000 American sailors and soldiers were killed at Pearl Harbor. Three months ago next week, more than 4,000 innocent civilians were killed in New York, at the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania. The attacks of September 11 revealed, in a horrific way, some of the gaps in our homeland defense. With this vote, we are taking an important first step toward closing some of the most dangerous gaps.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there are no further amendments, the question is on the engrossment of the amendments and third reading of the bill.

The amendments were ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read a third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 3338), as amended, was passed.

(The bill will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

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

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, on the behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action or debate.

There being no objection, the Presiding Officer appointed Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BOND, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, and Mrs. HUTCHISON conferees on the part of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I thank my good friend from Hawaii and congratulate him and his staff for doing such a marvelous job on a very complex bill in such a short period of time. It is a pleasure to work with him. I also include in that thanks to Steve Cortese, our chief of staff, and the staff working with him. It is a very complex bill. It is my hope we will bring this bill back to the Senate by early next week for final passage.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, this has been a long day. I wish to thank all of my colleagues for their patience and their cooperation. The measure that we have just adopted, I have been told, is the most expensive appropriations bill ever adopted by the U.S. Senate.

I wish to thank the staff, Mr. Charles Houy and his team. Without Mr. Houy and Mr. Steve Cortese, we would not be here at this moment. We thank them.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I want everyone to know, Senator DASCHLE said we would finish the bill today, and we did it, with a minute's grace.

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

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

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period for morning business, with Senators allowed to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

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

#### AMERICAN AGRICULTURE'S VULNERABILITY TO BIOTERRORISM

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise today to address the issue of detecting biological agents that could be used in malicious attacks against our Nation's agricultural industry.

Last month, I introduced S. 1560, the Biological Agent-Environmental Detection Act of 2001, which calls for the development of new technologies to detect disease agents that can be used as terrorist weapons against humans.

I am drafting legislation to address concerns about agricultural security that will complement the provisions in S. 1715, the Bioterrorism Preparedness Act of 2001, which I have cosponsored.

We have heard testimony in hearings before the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services illustrating the vulnerability of American agriculture to acts of biological terrorism directed against livestock and crops, commonly known as "agroterrorism."

Any agroterrorist attacks could have a profound effect on the overall American economy. The combined cash receipts for crops, livestock, and poultry in the United States reached nearly \$200 billion last year, or 2 percent of our gross domestic product. An agroterrorist attack would also create a ripple effect on businesses that rely on American agricultural products, especially grocery stores and restaurants.

For example, agroterrorist attacks could reach across the agricultural industry of Hawaii, which had \$521 million in revenues last year. Our livestock could be attacked with viral agents such as foot and mouth disease. In Hawaii, this would affect the price and availability of beef, pork, and dairy products. 51,000 cattle and 26,000 hogs were brought to market and slaughtered in Hawaii last year, while 90 million gallons of milk were produced by the Hawaiian dairy industry. Our \$100 million pineapple industry could be attacked with a nematode pest that causes an estimated 40-percent loss of crop in the first year of infection, and 80- to 100-percent losses in subsequent crops. Hawaii's growing agricultural tourism industry was worth \$26 million in 2000, and any attacks on Hawaiian agriculture would also impact those revenues.

However, the impact of terrorist attacks against American agriculture would not be measured in economic