

there will be debate on amendments tomorrow.

I say to anyone who has amendments to offer that they should offer them tomorrow because, again, members ought to know we are going to vote on cloture again on Tuesday morning. If cloture happens, and they have not offered their amendments, they may be out of order.

Again, if we don't get cloture on Tuesday, we will vote again on cloture on Wednesday. If we don't get cloture on Wednesday, we will vote again on it on Thursday. We will just see whether or not there are those in this body who want to absolutely stymie and stall and keep us from voting on a farm bill this year.

I believe I have acted in good faith. We brought the bill out of committee. We brought it to the floor. It can be amended. I love debate. I thought we had some good amendments offered. We have had some good debates so far. I am just hoping we can bring this debate to a conclusion at some point early next week and get this bill out of the Senate.

Again, I look around to see if there is anybody to offer any amendments. It is pretty quiet in here. Evidently, it looks as if we are not going to get any amendments here tonight.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Indiana.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I will not add to the frustration and discomfort of my chairman except to empathize with him, having stood in a similar situation 5 or 6 years ago when we last proceeded with the farm bill. I found it was seemingly an endless task. It does finally come to conclusion. That will be good news for the chairman.

I will work with him to try to identify the amendments so we can have appropriate debate and votes. Both the chairman and I realize we are near the end of the session, and conference reports on important bills are likely to intrude. The chairman recognizes that. He stated correctly this is the pending business. It ought to be our pending business, aside from the privileged motions on appropriations bills that the leaders have designated for debate on Monday and early Tuesday.

I believe there probably is a finite set of amendments. I suggested earlier during the day that we will compile a list of 44 at that time. I think some of those perhaps disappeared in the course of the day. Hopefully others do not emerge.

But I think there are some basic issues involving payment limits, for example, that are still out there. Perhaps some are not parochial interests but interests of particular Senators in their States, such as, for example, the distinguished Senator from Oregon, Mr. SMITH, with a legitimate basin problem not requiring much time, al-

though the Senate may or may not agree with his point of view.

Even if these are simple amendments, perhaps they will not be offered in the event they are already accepted. Perhaps the chairman and I will be able, with staff, to work together to see which amendments can be accepted.

We have been engrossed in very heated debate on sugar and on dairy—things that claimed our attention at the time so that we have not really sifted through those things that are perhaps acceptable.

But in the course at least of the next couple of days of debate, I think the situation will become more clear. The chairman knows I have a number of problems with the commodities title. I have already expressed those in the form of one amendment and others.

The chairman is also correct that we did reach remarkable accord on at least eight titles, perhaps nine. My memory fails as to how many are in our bill. But those are good titles to this piece of legislation. It doesn't mean that others may not at least insert lines in them, and they may do so, but at the same time they are in fairly solid shape.

The commodity situation is one that is bound to be of controversy because it has money attached to it. Nevertheless, we will have to reach decisions. I pledge to work with the chairman to do that. I will offer at least I hope comfort this evening and the belief that the chairman's day tomorrow will be a better one.

I yield the floor.

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. 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 of morning business with Senators allowed to speak therein for a period not to exceed 5 minutes.

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

WELCOME TO THE ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS

Mr. MCCAIN. Madam President, I recognize the presence today of our world champion Arizona Diamondbacks who are visiting with the President later this morning.

We in Arizona are especially proud of them, as I know are all baseball fans across America who hate the Yankees

as well. So I express, on behalf of myself, my colleague Senator KYL, and the people of the State of Arizona, how pleased and proud we are of the Diamondbacks and the fact that the President will be greeting them later on; he has a very deep connection and affection for professional baseball.

We are especially proud to have our Diamondbacks with us this morning to see our Capitol and know that all Americans, in a very difficult time in American history, were uplifted by the incredible series that was played by both teams; it diverted our attention and made us appreciate the greatness and strength of America.

Mr. HARKIN. Will the Senator yield? I want to compliment him and the Arizona Diamondbacks. What a great series, one of the best World Series I have ever watched, being a baseball nut like I am. I think what the Diamondbacks showed is not to ever count anyone out and never give up. I think the thing that came through with that team was people did not think they would be up for it and counted them out in the beginning. This team never gave up, and I think, as the Senator from Arizona said, at this time in our national life we needed to be reminded to never give up.

Mr. MCCAIN. I thank my friend from Iowa. It is also important to mention my friend from Missouri whose team also played a wonderful series early on with the Diamondbacks, and I think helped them prepare for the World Series.

Mr. BOND. Madam President, a couple of months ago I never thought I would say I am glad to see Curt Schilling again. We saw far too much of him as a Cardinal fan.

We congratulate the Diamondbacks on an outstanding year, a great victory and, as I think they used to say in Brooklyn, wait until next year we look forward to renewing the contest.

The Diamondbacks were magnificent and, yes, I guess I am even glad to see Curt Schilling.

Mr. MCCAIN. I thank my colleagues for their indulgence, and I appreciate them taking a moment to congratulate this wonderful group of Americans.

HONORING SERGEANT DAN PETITHORY

Mr. KERRY. It is my extraordinary privilege to share a few words with you today about Sgt. Dan Petithory. I am touched that his family asked me to do so, touched as a veteran who shares with Dan the bond of service in war, touched as a public official who has the privilege of expressing gratitude on behalf of everyone in our State and country whose lives are better for Dan's service, and touched as a citizen and father whose gratitude for Dan's contribution and sacrifice can never be adequately described.