

The drug war was shut off. It needs to be turned back on. We need to be concerned about what is happening to children in our own country. Mr. President, this is the first war that has been waged against children. In the 1960's and 1970's, the target audience was 17 to 21 years old. Today the drug war is waged against kids who are 8 to 13 years of age. It is a tragedy occurring right before our eyes.

The President has appointed a new drug czar. He has called for new international narcotics money. While we may disagree on the policies that got us here, I agree with his effort to get the war back on.

Mr. President, I yield for a moment. Apparently the Senator from Arizona and the Senator from Vermont have worked out their differences. I will yield and return and submit my amendment officially after they have concluded their work.

Mr. MCCAIN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona is recognized.

AMENDMENT NO. 5017

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I understand the managers have agreed to a unanimous consent that we have a vote at 10 tomorrow with one-half hour equally divided.

Mr. LEAHY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, the agreement was—I understand that the Republican leader has a scheduling concern—that we would go to the amendment of the distinguished Senator from Arizona at 9:30 in the morning, that we would have one-half hour equally divided in the usual form, but obviously we could yield that back. I mean, technically we could be on the vote at 9:31.

I say that only because I do not want the two leaders, my distinguished friends from Mississippi and South Dakota, to suddenly have to hear from Members, why are we having a vote at 9:30, not 10? But my understanding is that the distinguished chairman will soon ask unanimous consent on behalf of the distinguished majority leader that we would be on the McCain amendment at 9:30, one-half hour equally divided, though we can yield back.

Mr. McCONNELL addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, in fairness to the Members, I think it is better to have a time certain for the first vote.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that that vote occur on or in relation to the McCain amendment no later than 10 a.m., Thursday, and that the time between 9:30 and 10 a.m., be equally divided in the usual form.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I understand that would be a McCain amend-

ment, and that there would be no second-degrees in order.

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

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I also ask, if I could have unanimous consent, that a modification would be in order tomorrow morning, as we are still in negotiations with the Senator from Vermont concerning, perhaps, modifications for the amendment.

I ask unanimous consent I be allowed to modify the amendment tomorrow morning in agreement with the Senator from Vermont.

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

Mr. LEAHY. 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. LEAHY. 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. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the McCain amendment be set aside.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 5018

(Purpose: To increase the amount of funds available for international narcotics control programs, offset by reductions in other appropriations)

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk that amends the bill in more than one place, and I ask unanimous consent that it be immediately considered, and no second-degree amendments be in order.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I did not hear.

Mr. McCONNELL. Let me say that the amendment of the Senator from Georgia will be laid aside after he finishes his discussion.

We will vote first in the morning on the amendment of the Senator from Arizona, Senator MCCAIN, and no time agreement will be entered into tonight for a time certain on a vote on the Coverdell amendment.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the request of the Senator from Georgia is agreed to.

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL], for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. GRASSLEY, proposes an amendment numbered 5018.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 104, line 19, strike "\$1,290,000,000" and insert "\$1,262,000,000".

On page 124, line 20, strike "\$160,000,000" and insert "\$213,000,000".

On page 138, line 5, strike "\$295,000,000" and insert "\$270,000,000".

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I have basically concluded my opening statement on the proposal, and explained that we are restoring funding

to the President's request in the arena of international narcotics.

I did misspeak when I said we were taking \$28 million, the figure is \$25 million for international narcotics; and I said \$25 million from development and assistance, and it is \$28 million. I got them reversed.

Just to reiterate, we are in the midst of a drug epidemic. This is not a time to undercut the Presidential request for direct funding to the war on narcotics and the war on 8- to 13-year-olds in America—8 to 13 years of age. They are the target. The havoc that we would pay for this is immeasurable and indescribable.

I yield the floor.

Mr. McCONNELL. I commend the Senator from Georgia for his amendment. I support it.

As far as I know, there is no further business to be conducted this evening, and 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. McCONNELL. 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

(During today's session of the Senate, the following morning business was transacted.)

FOREIGN OIL CONSUMED BY THE UNITED STATES? HERE'S WEEKLY BOX SCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the American Petroleum Institute reports that for the week ending July 19, the United States imported 7,800,000 barrels of oil each day, 1,100,000 barrels more than the 6,700,000 barrels imported during the same week a year ago.

Americans relied on foreign oil for 54.9 percent of their needs last week, and there are no signs that this upward spiral will abate. Before the Persian Gulf war, the United States obtained about 45 percent of its oil supply from foreign countries. During the Arab oil embargo in the 1970's, foreign oil accounted for only 35 percent of America's oil supply.

Anybody else interested in restoring domestic production of oil—by U.S. producers using American workers? Politicians had better ponder the economic calamity sure to occur in America if and when foreign producers shut off our supply—or double the already enormous cost of imported oil flowing into the United States—now 7,800,000 barrels a day.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, too many Americans have not the foggiest notion about the enormity of the Federal