

whether he requires a rollcall vote or if he will accept a voice vote.

Mr. JEFFORDS. I want a rollcall vote.

Mr. KENNEDY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas and nays have been ordered. Do Senators yield back there time?

Mr. JEFFORDS. I yield back the remainder of my time.

Mr. KENNEDY. I yield back our time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to amendment No. 361. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll. The result was announced—yeas 93, nays 7, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 90 Leg.]

YEAS—93

Akaka	Dodd	Lott
Allard	Domenici	Lugar
Allen	Dorgan	McCain
Baucus	Durbin	McConnell
Bayh	Edwards	Mikulski
Bennett	Ensign	Miller
Biden	Enzi	Murkowski
Bingaman	Feingold	Murray
Bond	Feinstein	Nelson (FL)
Boxer	Fitzgerald	Nelson (NE)
Breaux	Frist	Nickles
Brownback	Graham	Reed
Bunning	Grassley	Reid
Burns	Gregg	Roberts
Byrd	Hagel	Rockefeller
Campbell	Harkin	Santorum
Cantwell	Hatch	Sarbanes
Carnahan	Hollings	Schumer
Carper	Hutchinson	Sessions
Chafee	Hutchison	Shelby
Cleland	Inouye	Smith (OR)
Clinton	Jeffords	Snowe
Cochran	Johnson	Specter
Collins	Kennedy	Stabenow
Conrad	Kerry	Stevens
Corzine	Kohl	Thomas
Craig	Landrieu	Torricelli
Crapo	Leahy	Voinovich
Daschle	Levin	Warner
Dayton	Lieberman	Wellstone
DeWine	Lincoln	Wyden

NAYS—7

Gramm	Kyl	Thurmond
Helms	Smith (NH)	
Inhofe	Thompson	

The amendment (No. 361) was agreed to.

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

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 365

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There are now 2 minutes equally divided before the vote on the Dodd amendment.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, the co-sponsor of this amendment, Senator COLLINS of Maine, and I, think we made such a convincing argument during the hour and a half debate that we will yield our 2 minutes, and we ask for the immediate vote on this amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time has been yielded. The question is on agreeing to the amendment. The yeas and nays have been ordered, and the clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 79, nays 21, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 91 Leg.]

YEAS—79

Akaka	Domenici	Lugar
Allen	Dorgan	McCain
Baucus	Durbin	McConnell
Bayh	Edwards	Mikulski
Bennett	Ensign	Miller
Biden	Feingold	Murray
Bingaman	Feinstein	Nelson (FL)
Boxer	Fitzgerald	Nelson (NE)
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Collins	Kennedy	Specter
Conrad	Kerry	Stabenow
Corzine	Kohl	Stevens
Crapo	Landrieu	Torricelli
Daschle	Leahy	Torricelli
Dayton	Levin	Warner
DeWine	Lieberman	Wellstone
Dodd	Lincoln	Wyden

NAYS—21

Allard	Gramm	Nickles
Bond	Gregg	Santorum
Brownback	Helms	Smith (NH)
Bunning	Inhofe	Thomas
Craig	Kyl	Thompson
Enzi	Lott	Thurmond
Frist	Murkowski	Voinovich

The amendment (No. 365) was agreed to.

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

Ms. COLLINS. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment just agreed to, the Dodd-Collins amendment, be modified to conform to the Jeffords-Kennedy pending substitute amendment.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for morning business with Senators permitted to speak up to 10 minutes each.

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

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I have sought recognition to comment briefly on the events of a Judiciary Committee meeting this morning where the agenda contained the nominations of Larry Thompson to be Deputy Attorney General and Ted Olson to be Solicitor General.

Those nominations had moved through all of the procedural hurdles. The hearings were held 4 weeks ago. Many questions had been answered. In accordance with the Judiciary Committee rules, they had been held over for a week so that they were ready for action when the Judiciary Committee met today.

I will say they are very important nominations because the Attorney General of the United States is the only official requiring confirmation who has been confirmed so far. He does not have the No. 2 person, the Deputy; he does not have the No. 3 person, the Solicitor General.

The discussion in the Judiciary Committee, instead of focusing on those individuals for confirmation, the discussion concerned itself with the blue slips and the American Bar Association and many collateral matters.

Finally, when the chairman of the committee, Senator HATCH, said he was going to rule all other discussion out of order and we would proceed to a vote, at that point, the ranking Democrat said there was going to be a caucus, and the Democrats—there are very few of them there; actually three, perhaps four—started to file out of the room so that there were only nine Senators present, not enough for a quorum of 10 which is necessary to have any Senate action.

It was an unusual executive session because all nine Republicans came to the session because of the importance of acting on the Deputy Attorney General and the Solicitor General.

Then the Republicans sat and waited and waited and waited for a caucus to conclude by the Democrats. Finally, when it was apparent there would be no response, the executive session was over.

The announcement was made that if there was not an undertaking by the Democrats to have a vote on those two positions by 4 o'clock this afternoon, or after our votes which are scheduled at 4 o'clock, that the Republican members would proceed in a news conference to tell the American people exactly what had happened.

With an evenly divided, 50/50 Senate, 50 Democrats and 50 Republicans, there has been a great deal of controversy, and almost all of it has been below the surface. But today in plain public view, this controversy erupted.

The executive session of the Judiciary Committee was being televised, and it is certainly unsenatorial to have this kind of conflict.

Enough is enough, and the time has come that the American people need to know that the important business of a very important department of the Federal Government cannot be conducted because the Attorney General alone is the only official of rank who has had Senate confirmation and cannot carry on all the duties. He needs the No. 2 person, the Deputy, and he needs the No. 3 person, the Solicitor General. It is not irrelevant to note that in the executive committee session of the Judiciary Committee today, we had, in addition, the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division and the Assistant Attorney General for Legislation.

I make no special point about the failure of the committee to report those nominees out because this was