

resolve, we have been able to forge a good agreement.

I see the time has arrived for the votes. I ask unanimous consent to print in the RECORD the following relating to establishment of a victims' compensation fund.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

SENATE BIPARTISAN COMPROMISE: ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPTEMBER 11 VICTIMS' COMPENSATION FUND

CREATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 VICTIMS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Congress shall authorize and appropriate such funds as may be necessary to compensate any victims or their families with physical injury or wrongful death claims arising out of the terrorist-related airline crashes in the United States on September 11, 2001.

To be eligible for compensation, applicants will need to provide information about the harm they suffered or death linked to the terrorist-related airline crashes on September 11, 2001. Applicants will not be required to prove negligence or any other theory of liability.

The Department of Justice shall supervise the program and the Senate shall confirm a Special Master to administer the program to determine victim compensation.

QUICK REVIEW AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION

The Special Master shall make a final determination of the applicant's eligibility for compensation and appropriate level of compensation within 100 days of having received the application.

In all cases, the compensation shall be paid within 20 days of the final determination.

Filing of a claim under the program will preempt all other civil remedies available under federal or state law for the same physical injury or wrongful death suffered as a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist acts.

Payments to victims will be tax free.

Mr. LEAHY. I ask for the yeas and nays on the nominees.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The yeas and nays have been previously ordered.

Mr. LEAHY. I thank the Chair.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed for 1 minute.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATCH. I thank the chairman of the Judiciary Committee for his solid support of Sharon Prost and Reggie Walton and for the work he has done. I also have enjoyed working with him as we have worked to fashion, along with all the people whose names he mentioned, and certainly in the House of Representatives, the law enforcement changes and terrorism laws that really need to occur. I hope we can get that done. I hope we can do it on a completely bipartisan basis. It has to be done.

We have also worked very hard on the airline bill which he has described adequately. I thank him for the efforts he is putting forth, and his staff and, of

course, my staff. A number of these staff people worked all night long on some of this legislation. They deserve an awful lot of credit, along with the White House staff, staffs of both Houses, and the staff of both sides on this issue. I am very grateful that we were able to move ahead on these matters. I hope we can move ahead in a way to protect, preserve, and defend our country as it deserves to be protected, defended, and preserved.

Let's proceed to the vote.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Sharon Prost, of the District of Columbia, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit? The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) are necessarily absent.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 97, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 282 Ex.]

YEAS—97

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

NOT VOTING—3

Gramm      McCain      Thomas

The nomination was confirmed.

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

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

VOTE ON THE NOMINATION OF REGGIE B. WALTON

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Reggie B. Walton to be a U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia? On this question, the yeas and nays have been ordered, and the clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) are necessarily absent.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 97, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 283 Ex.]

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NOT VOTING—3

Gramm      McCain      Thomas

The nomination was confirmed.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the President is notified of these actions taken by the Senate.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume legislative session.

RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10:17 a.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair and reassembled at 11:54 a.m. when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. JOHNSON).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the majority and minority leaders have agreed that in the near future, the two managers, Senators WARNER and LEVIN, will move forward with the Defense authorization bill. The opening statements will take some time because this