

MILLER), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) would vote "aye."

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. THOMPSON) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that if present and voting the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) would each vote "aye."

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

The result was announced—yeas 81, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 5 Ex]

YEAS—81

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

NOT VOTING—19

Akaka	Inhofe	Roberts
Boxer	Kennedy	Sessions
Carnahan	Kyl	Shelby
Dodd	McCain	Thompson
Domenici	Miller	Voinovich
Dorgan	Murkowski	
Hutchinson	Nelson (FL)	

The nomination was confirmed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

HOPE FOR CHILDREN ACT—
Continued

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 622) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I understand under the unanimous consent request I am to be recognized, but the distinguished Senator from Illinois and the distinguished Senator from Oregon are here, and I ask unanimous consent it be in order first to recognize the distinguished Senator from Illinois for 2 minutes, then the distinguished Senator from Oregon for 1 minute, and the distinguished Senator from Oklahoma, the Republican assistant leader, for 30 seconds, and then we revert back to my original time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the several requests?

There being no objection, the requests are agreed to.

The Senator from Illinois.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Illinois.

AMENDMENT NO. 2714 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2698

(Purpose: To provide enhanced unemployment compensation benefits)

Mr. DURBIN. Pursuant to an earlier unanimous consent request, I am sending to the desk an amendment being offered by me on behalf of the majority leader.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], for himself, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. DAYTON, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mrs. LINCOLN, proposes an amendment numbered 2714.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

(The text of the amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Amendments Submitted.")

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, this is part of the economic stimulus package. It is an amendment agreed to by both sides, Democrats and Republicans, to extend the unemployment insurance benefits to those States which will provide protection, expanded coverage for part-time workers who otherwise would not be eligible for unemployment compensation, and expand coverage to low-wage and recent hires who are also out of work and cannot be covered by unemployment. It also increases benefit levels under unemployment compensation by 15 percent or \$25 per week, whichever is greater. These proposals are temporary. All of the funding comes from Federal funding sources from the unemployment insurance fund. The amendment costs about \$15 billion in one year, but it will provide direct, immediate relief to unemployed people across America. When we return next Tuesday, I will speak to this amendment at length.

I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting it on a bipartisan basis.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I thank the chairman of the Judiciary

Committee for allowing me a minute to simply notify the Senate that I will redo my amendment and try to get 60 votes. It will come back and be filed later today. It will have a 2-year time period beginning January 1 of this year and going for 2 years, with a 30-percent depreciation bonus, and it will also specifically include the motion picture industry so that they can have the advantage of this stimulus as well.

I think it is critical we do what the the Senator from Illinois is talking about, and it is also critical we do something that is actually stimulatory of the economy. Two years is the absolute minimum, if we are serious about this part of the stimulus bill.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Oklahoma, Mr. Nickles.

Mr. NICKLES. I ask unanimous consent that it be in order I ask for the yeas and nays on amendment No. 2698.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the request that it be in order?

Mr. LEAHY. Reserving the right to object—I understand there is no objection.

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

Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second. The yeas and nays are ordered.

Mr. NICKLES. I thank my colleague.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Is the Senator from Vermont correct that following my statement the distinguished senior Senator from Utah is to be recognized?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. That is correct.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Mr. LEAHY. I thank the distinguished Presiding Officer.

Mr. President, I appreciate the fact that the majority leader and the assistant majority leader moved to consider additional judicial nominations today. Both Senator DASCHLE and Senator REID have been working very diligently to clear these nominations which were put on the Executive Calendar as we went out of session prior to the new year. They have worked very hard to return the Senate's consideration of judicial nominations to a more orderly and open process. I compliment the Senator from South Dakota and the Senator from Nevada for their efforts and thank them for their leadership. Along with our Senate leaders, many Senators have been working to move away from the anonymous holds and inaction on judicial nominations that characterized so much of the period from 1996 through the year 2000. Since the change in majority last summer, we have already made a difference in terms of both the process and its results. The number of vacancies and the number of confirmations have finally begun to move in the right directions.

As we begin this new session, I will take a moment to report where we are