

the map. He had me visit Kentucky a couple of years ago, a major university there, and had me speak to a fine group of young people. He treated me royally while I was there.

I thank both Senator McCONNELL and Senator DODD for their service to the Senate and to their country, and I thank them for their friendship.

I yield the floor.

Mr. DODD. 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. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### EQUAL PROTECTION OF VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2001—Continued

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I will make a couple of unanimous consent requests to modify amendments. This has been discussed with the minority.

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2919, AS MODIFIED

I ask unanimous consent amendment No. 2919, previously agreed to by the Senate, be amended with the changes now at the desk.

Mr. McCONNELL. I am confused.

Mr. DODD. The Hollings-McCain amendment.

Mr. McCONNELL. Fine.

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

The amendment will be so modified.

The modification is as follows:

On page 2, line 11, after "with" insert "the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board and".

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2922, AS MODIFIED

Mr. DODD. Second, I ask consent that my amendment, which is at the desk now, No. 2922, be modified with changes at the desk to conform with the amendment, the line numbers in the compromise.

Mr. McCONNELL. Reserving the right to object, the Senator from Connecticut has changed the amendment he offered?

Mr. DODD. I am modifying my own amendment. The line numbers are wrong.

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

The amendment will be so modified.

The amendment (No. 2922), as modified, is as follows:

(Purpose: To clarify that the criminal penalties retain the current specific intent standard contained in the underlying statutes)

On page 68, strike lines 5 through 17, and insert the following:

(a) CONSPIRACY TO DEPRIVE VOTERS OF A FAIR ELECTION.—Any individual who knowingly and willfully gives false information in registering or voting in violation of section 11(c) of the National Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973i(c)), or conspires with another to violate such section, shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in accordance with such section.

(b) FALSE INFORMATION IN REGISTERING AND VOTING.—Any individual who knowingly commits fraud or knowingly makes a false statement with respect to the naturalization, citizenry, or alien registry of such individual in violation of section 1015 of title 18, United States Code, shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in accordance with such section.

Mr. DODD. 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. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

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

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, what is the pending amendment?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Amendment No. 2922, as modified, is the pending amendment.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I finished explaining what the amendment is. It is technical in nature. I urge its adoption.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is on agreeing to the amendment.

The amendment (No. 2922), as modified, was agreed to.

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

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I know Senator McCain wanted to be heard on other subject matters. I am going to put in a quorum call. There are five or six amendments, maybe none, maybe one, maybe all, that we can come back and adopt, but I will report back very quickly to the Chamber the results of those discussions. In the meantime, if Members come over and would like to speak in morning business or on another subject matter, the floor will be theirs.

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. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 4:13 p.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair and reassembled at 5:19 p.m. when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Ms. STABENOW).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. STABENOW). The Senator from Connecticut.

#### EQUAL PROTECTION OF VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2001—Continued

Mr. DODD. Madam President, I am pleased to tell the Chair and those who may be following the proceedings, we have come to an agreement on six amendments this afternoon. Rather than explain each amendment, which would take some time—the authors of the amendments will certainly know what we are talking about—I ask unanimous consent that the RECORD remain open so that those who want to be heard on the amendments—some have cosponsors—can add remarks this evening.

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

Mr. DODD. I thank in advance my staff, the staff of Senator McConnell, and the staffs of the respective authors of these amendments and others for their cooperation this afternoon. We have handled over 20 amendments. It means that while tomorrow we still have some to deal with, we now have a manageable number, and it is looking better and better for getting this bill finished tomorrow afternoon or early evening. That is our hope.

I ask unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 2913; AMENDMENT NO. 2866, AS MODIFIED; AMENDMENT NO. 2900, AS MODIFIED; AMENDMENT NO. 2865; AMENDMENT NO. 2894, AS MODIFIED; AND AMENDMENT NO. 2926

Mr. DODD. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following amendments be considered and agreed to en bloc: amendment No. 2913 offered by Senators HARKIN and MCCAIN; amendment No. 2866, as modified, offered by Senator LUGAR; amendment No. 2900, as modified, offered by Senator ENSIGN; amendment No. 2865 offered by Senator GRASSLEY; amendment No. 2894, as modified, as offered by Senators HOLLINGS, REID, and KOHL; amendment No. 2926 offered by Senator LIEBERMAN.

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

The amendments (Nos. 2913 and 2894) were agreed to.

(The text of amendment No. 2894, as modified, will be printed in tomorrow's RECORD.)

The amendments (Nos. 2866, as modified; 2900, as modified; 2865; and 2926) were agreed to, as follows:

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2866, AS MODIFIED

(Purpose: To ensure that Election Reform Incentive Grant Program funds may be used by States and localities to fund hotlines for voters to report possible voting fraud and voting rights abuses)

On page 38, strike lines 9 through 12, and insert the following:

submitted under section 212(c)(1)(B) of such section;

(6) to establish toll-free telephone hotlines that voters may use to report possible voting fraud and voting rights violation and general election information; or

(7) to meet the requirements under section 101, 102, or 103.