

way a lot of us believed it should. The Senator from Delaware is coming back at such time as I hope he can offer this amendment, with something on which he has spent hours and days, coming up with something that is reasonable and will meet many of the goals that need to be met, allowing the United States to become less dependent on production.

I say to my friend from Delaware, I am very glad he is in the Senate. He has brought to the Senate the same style that he had in the House of Representatives and, I am sure, to the office of Governor, although I am not as aware of his work as a two-term Governor of the State of Delaware. But he has brought, really, a fine dimension to the Senate. I am proud of the work he has done, as should be the people of Delaware.

Mr. CARPER. If the Senator will yield, I say to my friend, our assistant majority leader, those words mean more than you know. I have been called any number of things as Governor, as a Member of Congress, and as a Member of the Senate, and studious is one of the kinder and more generous.

It is an honor to work with the Senator. I thank him for his leadership.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who yields time? Who seeks recognition?

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 Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

NATIONAL LABORATORIES PARTNERSHIP IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2001—Resumed

Mr. BAUCUS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate go into legislative session and that the energy bill be the pending business.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title. The senior assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 517) to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Daschle/Bingaman further modified amendment No. 2917, in the nature of a substitute.

Dayton/Grassley amendment No. 3008 (to amendment No. 2917), to require that Federal agencies use ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel in areas in which ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel are available.

Landrieu/Kyl amendment No. 3050 (to amendment No. 2917), to increase the transfer capability of electric energy transmission systems through participant-funded investment.

Schumer/Clinton amendment No. 3093 (to amendment No. 2917), to prohibit oil and gas drilling activity in Finger Lakes National Forest, New York.

Dayton amendment No. 3097 (to amendment No. 2917), to require additional findings for FERC approval of an electric utility merger.

Feinstein/Boxer amendment No. 3115 (to amendment No. 2917), to modify the provision relating to the renewable content of motor vehicle fuel to eliminate the required volume of renewable fuel for calendar year 2004.

Murkowski/Breaux/Stevens amendment No. 3132 (to amendment No. 2917), to create jobs for Americans, to reduce dependence on foreign sources of crude oil and energy, to strengthen the economic self determination of the Inupiat Eskimos and to promote national security.

Reid amendment No. 3145 (to amendment No. 3008), to require that Federal agencies use ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel in areas in which ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel are available.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is recognized.

Mr. BAUCUS. Madam President, I appreciate the recognition. If no further statements are to be made at this time, I yield the floor.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 8

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, throughout the morning we have attempted to find ways to move the process along. I thank a number of Senators on both sides of the aisle for their cooperation. We are at a point now where procedurally I think we are in a position to move forward. We will make a unanimous consent request following this one having to do with amendments to the energy bill. But that is a separate matter. This has primarily to do with the question of estate taxes.

I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate considers Calendar No. 33, H.R. 8, the estate tax bill, no later than June 28, the only amendments in order are as follows:

Senator GRAMM of Texas, an estate tax amendment; the majority leader, or his designee, an estate tax amendment which shall be subject to two second-degree amendments to be offered by Senator DASCHLE, or his designee, with Senator DASCHLE's amendment being the first one offered; that all of the above amendments deal solely with the subject of estate tax; that all of the above estate tax amendments be subject to a 60-vote Budget Act point of order and that no other amendments or motions be in order to the bill, except

motions to waive the Budget Act; and that if any of the above amendments, after each has had its motion to waive vote, is adopted, the bill be read a third time and the Senate vote on final passage of the bill without any intervening action or debate, and that if none of the amendments achieve 60 votes to waive the Budget Act, the bill be placed back on the calendar; further, that there be 2 hours for debate on each of the above amendments equally divided in the usual form; further, that upon the granting of this consent, Senator BAUCUS be recognized to offer the Baucus-Grassley Finance Committee tax amendment to the energy bill, and that the amendment be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without any intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, let me just say, it is the intention of Senator LOTT and me to offer the unanimous consent request shortly which would make in order a number of amendments pertaining to the energy bill that, hopefully, will bring us to closure.

What we have done in this case is simply agree to a debate on the estate tax legislation sometime prior to June 28. Senators will have an opportunity to debate the estate tax bill. I know there is a great deal of interest on both sides of the aisle.

We will also now entertain the Baucus amendment as it relates to the tax provisions of the energy bill. All Senators, of course, still retain their right to offer amendments on taxes prior to cloture.

Madam President, I yield the floor and thank all of my colleagues for their cooperation.

NATIONAL LABORATORIES PARTNERSHIP IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2001—Continued

AMENDMENT NO. 3286 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2917 (Purpose: To provide energy tax incentives)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the pending amendments are set aside.

The clerk will report the Baucus amendment.

The legislative clerk read as follows: The Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS], for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. HAGEL, and Mrs. CARNAHAN, proposes an amendment numbered 3286.

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

Mr. BAUCUS. Madam President, this amendment consists of the energy tax incentives reported by the Finance Committee.

Let me explain why this amendment is necessary.

The short term energy crisis has ended. But the long term problem has not.