

with great satisfaction and great pride. It would not have happened were it not for the leadership of the Senators from Montana and Iowa.

I must say, even though he doesn't want me to—he is embarrassed and gets frustrated when I do this—I thank the Senator from Nevada. As with so many pieces of legislation, this simply would not have happened without his masterful work on the Senate floor as well. I congratulate him.

I thank all of the staff involved, my staff, Chuck Marr, and the staff of the committee and others.

We now must turn to the schedule when we return.

There will be no further votes this evening, and we will not be in session tomorrow.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

AGREEMENT—H.R. 4775 AND S. 625

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I have been in consultation with the distinguished Republican leader during the course of these votes. We have reached agreement on proceeding to the supplemental and then to the hate crimes legislation when we return. I know of no objection. So I will propound a unanimous consent request.

I ask unanimous consent that on Monday, June 3, at 2 p.m., the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4775, the supplemental appropriations bill; that after the reporting of the bill, the text of the Senate companion, S. 2551, be substituted in lieu thereof and considered original text, provided that no points of order be considered as having been waived by its adoption; that upon the disposition of H.R. 4775, the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 625, the bill to assist local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes; further, that if on Monday, June 3, the Senate has not received from the House the supplemental appropriations bill, the Senate proceed to S. 625 and it remain the pending business until the Senate receives H.R. 4775, at which time it be temporarily laid aside, the Senate begin consideration of H.R. 4775, and that no call for the regular order serve to displace H.R. 4775.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I thank my colleagues and the distinguished Republican leader for his help in working through this procedural arrangement. I also thank the chairman of the Appropriations Committee and the ranking member.

This will afford us the opportunity, at the earliest possible date, even though we are disappointed we are not able to take it up now, to take it up as soon as the House completes its work, hopefully, on the Monday we return from the Memorial Day recess.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I will be brief. First of all, I, too, want to thank

the managers of the trade legislation. It has taken a lot of time and effort. There have been a number of problems along the way, but the managers have been persistent. I commend Senator BAUCUS and Senator GRASSLEY for their work. A lot of people have been involved and it was the right thing to do. The proof of that is the vote of 66 to 30.

A lot of people would have thought 10 days ago that we could not get it done. We have a few barnacles, I am sure, that will be sheared off in conference, and a good bill will come out of conference. I commend the managers for doing good work.

With regard to the unanimous consent request, I have a couple of comments. I am glad we were able to work this out. We need to go to the supplemental as soon as possible. This is an urgent supplemental for defense to replace a lot of what has already been spent, and also for homeland security. I was concerned that if we could not get it worked out today or tomorrow, if we came back, other issues might intervene. Senator DASCHLE has a commitment to try to move the other legislation, S. 625, dealing with hate crimes. This way, we could go to the supplemental appropriations bill—assuming it is over here from the House—and complete it and then go to the next issue.

If we don't have a supplemental, for whatever reason, received from the House, we can go to the hate crimes. When the supplemental comes, we can interrupt that, get it done, and then go back to the other issue.

There will be a lot of debate about both of these issues. This seems like a fair way to proceed. I want to emphasize the necessity to move as quickly as possible to the Defense authorization bill. The Armed Services Committee reported that bill out a couple weeks ago. We can't get started with our appropriations bills very well without that defense authorization bill. It would make it possible to do the Defense appropriations bill.

I am not trying to set up the order. I just want to remind the majority leader that we need to do these defense issues as soon as possible so that we can go on to the appropriations bill so our men and women will know what they can count on in the defense bill.

This is a good arrangement at this time. Hopefully, we can complete both of these bills the first week we are back, so we can get the supplemental into conference and get it done and out of conference before the Fourth of July recess. I wanted to make those points.

I thank the Chair and I thank Senator DASCHLE for his cooperation. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana is recognized.

PASSAGE OF H.R. 3009

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I thank all Senators who worked so hard on

this trade bill. I particularly thank the majority leader, Senator DASCHLE. I think he is one of the main architects of the key provision, trade adjustment assistance. He and Senator BINGAMAN have worked long and hard to help forge that portion of the bill. So I thank him and Senator BINGAMAN.

Also, I thank my friend from Nevada, Senator REID. I don't know how we would be here at this point without him. He has worked tirelessly and has done a super job with such equanimity and an even temper. I don't know how he does it.

Also, I want to point out that a lot of work has gone into this bill. I don't think many people realize just how much work and dedication goes into something such as this. There are a lot of people whose names are not well known. A lot of us here on the floor get some gratification from seeing our names in newspapers and on TV when something is accomplished. But the fact is the real work is done by people who perform the most noble human endeavor—which is service to their country—virtually all day long, and many times with sleepless nights. Many are here tonight. I want people to know how hard they have worked.

I especially want to say thanks to Greg Mastel. I hired Greg specifically to help get this legislation passed—and he has done a tremendous job.

I also want to thank many other committee staff, who have worked tirelessly on this legislation—John Angell, Mike Evans, Timothy Punke, Ted Posner, Angela Marshall, Shara Aranoff, Andy Harig, Liz Fowler, Kate Kirchgraber, and Mitchell Kent.

Senator GRASSLEY also has a great team, and I thank them: Kolan Davis, Everett Eissenstat, and Richard Chriss.

And finally, it is an understatement to say that we all appreciate the efforts of our skilled and patient legislative counsel—Polly Craighill, Stephanie Easley, and Ruth Ernst.

Although he is not here, I compliment my colleague, Senator GRASSLEY, who did a tireless job.

This is the most progressive and far-reaching trade bill that this Senate has passed in 15 years. This is a landmark bill. It is also very well balanced. It modernizes fast-track trade promotion procedures, brings them up to date. On the other hand, it includes very significant assistance to people who were dislocated under trade.

I think it will be a bill that, when looked back upon several years from now, is one of the landmarks and major benchmarks that has moved the United States more directly and appropriately to engage the world in trade. I am proud of all the efforts of those here on the floor.

With that, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia is recognized.