

soon as there are amendments cleared. We have an amendment by Senator MURRAY. We have already hotlined our Members as to what amendments they have.

As I indicated, either I or the Democratic leader will be in touch with the majority leader this morning to go over generally the list of these amendments so he has an idea of what we have at this time. That certainly would not prevent people offering them at a later time. But I think we have a pretty good list of all the amendments that are going to be offered. At that time, the majority leader can make a decision as to how we proceed.

We believe this is an important bill, and we think it should be completed. We think it should be completed as soon as possible, and as the leader indicated, every Senator has a right to offer amendments on any subject they want, and a few of them are going to do that. We hope that will be kept to a minimum so we can move to the amendments that are germane and relevant to this matter, not because it is required by Senate rules but because we want to try to move this bill along.

I have a couple of housekeeping issues. We have a briefing at 4 o'clock today by Secretary Rumsfeld. I am sure a lot of the Senators need to go to it, including the two managers of this bill. I ask that the leader consider, as the day progresses, maybe putting us in recess during that period of time—whatever decision you make in that regard.

We have spoken at length with the two managers. They have a pretty good idea of where we are coming from on this side.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, we will have to make some big decisions this morning in terms of planning for the day, and we will be in touch, both on the floor and off the floor, out of respect for completion of this bill as soon as possible. I appreciate it.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I was just told Secretary Rumsfeld's meeting has been rescheduled for a later time. It is not going to be this afternoon.

#### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

#### AFRICA AND MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, before starting the bill, I will take 2 minutes on leader time to comment on an issue that is important to me personally but that I think is important to our concerns for people around the world, and that is the President's trip right now to Africa.

On Tuesday of this week, on Goree Island, President Bush spoke about the extraordinary contributions of Africa's

sons and daughters to America's culture and ideals. The moral vision of such leaders as Frederick Douglas—many of us have had the opportunity to visit his wonderful home that sits on a hill in Washington just a few miles from where we stand now—Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, Sojourner Truth, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, and the list goes on, have penetrated deep into America's consciousness and illuminated America's core principles. Africans who were brought to America in chains, and their descendants who subsequently suffered cruelty and injustice, helped set America free. It is a story that must be told and be told to future generations so that we will always work toward realizing our Nation's great purpose—in a word: Freedom.

America and Africa are working together to expand freedom across the globe. The President is celebrating much of that in his current trip. In late August, I will be taking a delegation of Senators back to Africa once again.

On the Senate floor today, and yesterday, is very important and significant legislation, the Millennium Challenge Account, which promises to invest in the continent's abundant political and economic opportunities. We all celebrate the \$15 billion commitment in global HIV/AIDS relief by the President, which the Senate confirmed under the leadership of Chairman LUGAR last month. We know that will help turn the tide against HIV/AIDS and, I should add, malaria and tuberculosis.

The African Growth and Opportunity Act, which we addressed 3 years ago now, is alleviating poverty in Africa. Those of us who travel regularly hear again and again that it is having an impact that stimulates and spurs on that African entrepreneurship.

So I take this moment to commend President Bush for his bold and substantive leadership in helping Africa's leaders meet their nation's challenges and to realize the nation's opportunities, and also to recognize the leadership of Chairman LUGAR on each of these other issues that I mentioned: The Millennium Challenge Account, the global fight against HIV/AIDS, the African Growth and Opportunity Act. These efforts, and many others—bipartisan, both sides of the aisle—will help set Africa on a course to maximum freedom and opportunity for all of its people and strengthen those historic ties that bind our two great lands.

I yield the floor.

#### FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEAR 2004

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 925, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 925) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities, for fiscal

year 2004 and for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2004 through 2007, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Lugar amendment No. 1136, in the nature of a substitute.

Lautenberg amendment No. 1135 (to amendment No. 1136), to provide justice for marine victims of terror.

Amendments Nos. 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1156, 1157, 1158, 1159, 1160, 1161, 1162, and 1163, en bloc to amendment No. 1136

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Indiana.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I send to the desk a packet of agreed-upon amendments. I will enumerate those amendments and after enumerating them ask that they be adopted en bloc to Amendment No. 1136.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Will the Senator ask to set aside the pending amendments?

Mr. LUGAR. I so ask that the pending amendments be set aside.

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

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, the package of amendments that I have sent to the desk has received consideration by the staffs of myself and Senator BIDEN throughout last evening. They include an amendment by Mr. BIDEN expressing the sense of Congress relating to violence against women; secondly, an amendment by Mr. BREAUX to authorize transportation for the Chief of Protocol; third, an amendment by Mr. COLEMAN to authorize a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture and for other purposes; fourth, an amendment by Mr. DASCHLE to require an annual report on Saudi Arabia's cooperation in the war on terrorism; fifth, an amendment by Senator FEINSTEIN to require a report on states that have not cooperated in small arms programs; sixth, an amendment by Mr. BIDEN to require the reporting of certain information relating to proposed exports and transfers of firearms; seventh, an amendment by Mr. LEAHY to provide a report on a strategy to deal with the international coffee crisis; eighth, a chairman's amendment to strike section 2512 relating to amendments to the Arms Control and Disarmament Act; ninth, a chairman's amendment to provide an exception to requirements with respect to bilateral agreements for exemption from certain licensing requirements; tenth, a chairman's amendment to improve provisions on global pathogen surveillance; eleventh, a chairman's amendment to strike section 205 relating to the State Department authorization bill; twelfth, a chairman's amendment to clarify Foreign Service grievance board procedures; thirteenth, a chairman's amendment to modify reporting requirements on U.S. personnel involved in the antinarcotics campaign in Colombia; and finally, fourteenth, a chairman's amendment to strike section 2239 relating to the sense of Congress relating to