

The President has made a request. Yes, it is a hefty \$60 billion. But look at who was hit, a big city that is one of the heartbeats of America, New York, and a little community such as Crisfield. But no matter whether someone lives in New York City or in Crisfield, MD, they deserve the help from their government.

I say to my colleagues, let us think of the people we were sent to represent. We weren't sent to represent a bottom line; we were sent to represent people. I would hope we would put into place, that we would pass the President's request. We have great policies that were arrived at—and if you truly want to honor Senator Inouye, let us honor his own code of conduct, a gentle way, a civil way, a consensus builder, a bipartisan builder, and a worker to move this bill.

Senator Inouye chaired the full Committee on Appropriations these last couple years. His own staff shared a story with me, and it is relevant today.

He said: I chaired the Defense subcommittee, and that is how the Federal budget defends America. But my other committees, like Labor-HHS—and I might add housing, Federal disaster assistance—is how we define ourselves. So those who say let us make sure we defend America, let us also make sure we put the money in the Federal budget on how it defines America.

The way we define America is when one community is hit, all communities are hit. If New York is hit, Crisfield or Ocean City, all communities have been hit. We need to act like the United States of America because the disaster the Chair and I faced 2 months ago could be somebody else's disaster tomorrow. And the real disaster should not be in the Senate because we failed to act.

I call my colleagues to the floor, and I call them forth to pass these appropriations. I look forward again to working on both sides of the aisle to have a safer country from either a defense or a disaster perspective, and I also look forward to moving this bill in a way that we will define our country, that we are a country that helps, neighbor helping neighbor.

I yield the floor.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I wish to praise the senior Senator from Maryland. I was out here listening to what she said but not just the words. She believes them. It is a passion. She cares.

She and I have served on the Appropriations Committee for about 100 or 200 years, I think. She was a child when she went there, but we have served there together. We both have lost one of our dearest friends, Senator Inouye.

But over and over in that committee, I have heard her stand and say: People are involved. These are human beings, and we ought to stand up for them.

As the distinguished Presiding Officer knows, because she represents New York State, when we have a disaster of this unbelievable amount, the whole

Nation is supposed to come together. We are the United States of America. We are not the State of New York, the State of Maryland, the State of Vermont; we are the United States of America.

We have come together as a country. Whether the disaster has been in California, on the east coast or in Southern States or in the West, we come together, and that is what we are trying to do. I would defy any Senator who has worried about coming together to help these people to go to one of the homes. Go to one of the homes on Long Island. Go to one of the homes that has been devastated. Go to one of the businesses where we have a couple who spent their whole life building up their business, hoping to have something to leave to their children, and now they are looking at rubble. Come on. These are real people. This is the United States of America.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

#### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1, which the clerk will report by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Leahy (for Inouye) amendment No. 3338, in the nature of a substitute.

Leahy (for Inouye) amendment No. 3339 (to amendment No. 3338), of a perfecting nature.

Merkley amendment No. 3367 (to amendment No. 3338), to extend certain supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs.

McCain/Coburn amendment No. 3355 (to amendment No. 3338), to strike funding for the Emergency Forest Restoration Program.

Tester amendment No. 3350 (to amendment No. 3338), to provide additional funds for wild land fire management.

Coburn/McCain amendment No. 3371 (to amendment No. 3338), to ensure that Federal disaster assistance is available for the most severe disasters.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I see the distinguished senior Senator from New Mexico on the Senate floor, and I yield to him.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. BINGAMAN. I thank my colleague Senator LEAHY.

Madam President, what is the pending business before the Senate now? Is it an amendment to this legislation?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Amendment No. 3371 is the pending business.

AMENDMENT NO. 3344

Mr. BINGAMAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the pending amendment be set aside and that I be permitted to call up amendment No. 3344 and ask for its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the amendment.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], for himself, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. WYDEN, proposes an amendment numbered 3344.

Mr. BINGAMAN. I ask unanimous consent that further reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To provide for the approval of an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau in response to Super Typhoon Bopha)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_ APPROVAL OF THE 2010 U.S.-PALAU AGREEMENT IN RESPONSE TO SUPER TYPHOON BOPHA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The agreement entitled “The Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau Following the Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review” signed on September 3, 2010 (including the appendices to the agreement) (referred to in this section as the “Agreement”) is approved (other than Article 7 to the extent it extends Article X of the Federal Programs and Services Agreement) and may only enter into force after the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior, enters into an implementing arrangement with the Republic of Palau that makes the adjustments to dates and amounts as set forth in Senate Amendment 3331.

(b) AMENDMENT.—Section 105(f)(1)(B)(ix) of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921d(f)(1)(B)(ix)) is amended by striking “2009” and inserting “2024”.

(c) FUNDING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There are appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior such sums as are specified to carry out sections 1, 2(a), 4(a), and 5 of the Agreement for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2024.

(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) shall remain available until expended.

(3) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—Amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) are designated by Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4(g) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-139; 2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

Mr. BINGAMAN. Madam President, this is an amendment offered by myself