

for all of her guidance and for all of her great work. I thank you very personally, Martha Scott. Thank you.

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I also thank our chief clerks, Bob Sturm, of course, and Jessie Williams. As we know, Bob has retired, but he comes back once in a while to help and we appreciate that; and we appreciate Jessie Williams' hard work.

I would also like to mention all of the staff on the Republican side. I thank Martha Scott Poindexter, the chief of staff on the Republican side; Vernie Hubert, Hayden Milberg, Cameron Bruett, Kate Coler, Betsy Croker, Anne Hazlett, Christy Seyfert, Dawn Stump, Patty Lawrence, Alan Mackey, Erin Hamm, Matt Coley, Jane Anna Harris, and Carlisle Clarke. They are all good, dedicated people who worked very hard on this bill.

I now wish to propound a unanimous consent request. I ask unanimous consent that all pending amendments be withdrawn, that no further amendments be in order, that the substitute amendment, as amended, be agreed to, the bill—Mr. President, I am told the managers' package still has not been worked out. I had assumed it was. It still has not. So we are going to have to wait a few more minutes to get the managers' package put together and make sure it is agreed to.

With that, I note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, again, as I understand the situation—and I stand to be corrected if I am wrong—we

have a managers' package at the desk, which has been cleared on both sides; that the amendments which were objected to previously now are put back in; that there is an amendment in that package which sets a lower program level in a USDA program offsetting those amendments. With that, I understand the managers' package is acceptable; am I correct?

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, that is correct. As I recall, I had reserved the right to object. I do not object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the managers' package is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 3855) was agreed to.

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

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

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all pending amendments be withdrawn; that no further amendments be in order; that the substitute amendment, as amended, be agreed to, the bill read the third time, and that the cloture motion be withdrawn; that without further intervening action or debate, the Senate proceed to vote on passage of the bill; that upon passage, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, and it is not my intention to object, we have been working closely with the chairman's staff and with the ranking minority member to ensure that the bipartisan ban on illegal logging would be included. I have not been informed. Has the ban on illegal logging been included?

Mr. HARKIN. I am informed that it has.

Mr. WYDEN. I withdraw my reservation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3500), as amended, was agreed to.

The question is on the engrossment of the amendment and third reading of the bill.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays on the final passage of the farm bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The question is on agreeing to the bill, as amended. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) would each vote "yea".

Mr. LOTT. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 79, nays 14, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 434 Leg.]

YEAS—79

Akaka	Dorgan	Menendez
Alexander	Durbin	Mikulski
Allard	Enzi	Murkowski
Barrasso	Feingold	Murray
Baucus	Feinstein	Nelson (NE)
Bayh	Graham	Pryor
Bingaman	Grassley	Reid
Bond	Harkin	Roberts
Brown	Hatch	Rockefeller
Brownback	Hutchison	Salazar
Bunning	Inhofe	Sanders
Byrd	Inouye	Schumer
Cantwell	Isakson	Sessions
Cardin	Johnson	Shelby
Carper	Kennedy	Smith
Casey	Kerry	Snowe
Chambliss	Klobuchar	Specter
Coburn	Kohl	Stabenow
Cochran	Landrieu	Stevens
Coleman	Leahy	Tester
Conrad	Levin	Thune
Corker	Lieberman	Vitter
Cornyn	Lincoln	Warner
Craig	Lott	Webb
Crapo	Martinez	Wyden
Dole	McCaskill	
Domenici	McConnell	

NAYS—14

Bennett	Gregg	Reed
Burr	Hagel	Sununu
Collins	Kyl	Voinovich
DeMint	Lautenberg	Whitehouse
Ensign	Lugar	

NOT VOTING—7

Biden	Dodd	Obama
Boxer	McCain	
Clinton	Nelson (FL)	

The bill (H.R. 2419), as amended, was passed.

(The bill will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is laid on the table. The Senate insists on its amendment, requests a conference with the House, and the Chair is authorized to appoint conferees.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, again this is a great vote—79 votes in favor of the farm bill is a great vote. I think it is an affirmation of the hard work our committee put in all this year to get to this point, on both sides of the aisle, with Senator CHAMBLISS leading his side. On our side, we had great cooperation and great work from all the members of our committee.

So I look upon this very strong vote as an affirmation of this hard work.