

easier to track down criminals, and then bring them to justice. If we pass them, we help fight crime on the Federal level and we also establish a model for State and local governments to use.

Today, we stand close to success. With two bills on the calendar, with a time agreement reached on one of the bills, and with the leadership's commitment to act before we break in October, we have an opportunity to speak out here in the Senate. But we must not let this opportunity slip by, and we must make sure that we move ahead as soon as possible on these important proposals. The safety and well-being of our communities is too important to leave until next year. I commend the leadership once again for their decision to move ahead, and I look forward to passing working with them to pass these crime fighting bills.

Mr. BAKER. Will the Senator yield to me for a moment?

Mr. CHILES. I yield.

Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, I commend the Senator from Florida for his persistence and the intensity of his devotion to this issue and his recognition and concern involved. He and the Senator from Georgia, the junior Senator from Florida, and the President pro tempore have spoken to me repeatedly and with great emphasis on the importance of doing this matter. Indeed, the senior Senator from Florida has spoken virtually every day for many weeks on this subject. So I am pleased to say that we are able to announce, as he properly recites, that this bill will be called up before we go out, hopefully, October 1.

I recall a trip I made to Florida to look into this matter; it was in conjunction with another matter, but while I was there I met with city, county, and State officials. I will repeat now what I said then. I was absolutely appalled at the scope of the problem as it was described to me by those officials, and it was the first time I had truly understood the dimensions of the problem.

It really came home to me at that time, and I came back to Washington and asked my staff to get in touch with the staffs of other Members, particularly the Senator from Florida and the Justice Department, to add emphasis to the urgency of this matter. The chairman of the Judiciary Committee, the President pro tempore, thoroughly agreed with that. After great effort and much compromise, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee and the ranking member (Mr. Biden), were able to report a bill on which we have a detailed time limitation.

Frankly, one of the things that has kept us from scheduling that bill until now is that time agreement. It is a strange thing to say, because time agreements usually facilitate passage

of a bill; but this agreement runs more than two pages on today's calendar of business. I have recently totaled the time that is provided for in that order, and it is indeed a great deal of time.

It is time now to tackle this time agreement. It is my hope that all Senators would consider either relinquishing the time provided for in this order or severely abbreviating the time for debate; otherwise, it will take a long time to finish. I hope the Senator from Florida and others who have a vital interest in this matter will join in the effort to try to reduce the time.

Mr. CHILES. I will be delighted to join in that effort.

I say to the distinguished majority leader, who does have an appreciation for the problems in crime, not only in Florida but throughout the country as well, that I think everybody was so concerned that they got what they wanted, or wanted to keep something from going in, that it took about 3 days to put that time agreement together, with the patience and help of the majority leader.

I think we should be able to shorten the time drastically, especially because we are in the closing days of this session. I feel that every Member of this body should want to go home in October with the knowledge that the Senate had passed a major piece of legislation. So it is something that works for the benefit of all of us if we can get this done, and I think we should get it done speedily.

I hope again that, as quickly as possible, we can get on this, because then I believe we can work to pave it down.

Mr. BAKER. I thank the Senator, and I appreciate his offer of assistance.

Mr. CHILES. I thank the majority leader for his kind remarks.

ROUTINE MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of routine morning business which will not last past 10:45 a.m., during which Senators may speak for 3 minutes each.

BILL DUNLOP DAY

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. President, Saturday, September 25, 1982, is "Bill Dunlop Day" in Mechanic Falls, Maine.

Bill Dunlop established a world record for a solo crossing of the Atlantic Ocean from Portland, Maine, to Falmouth, England, in the smallest seagoing vessel ever, *The Wind's Will*, just 9 feet and seven-eighths of an inch long. This remarkable man and his feat have captured the attention of the world.

Dunlop grew up in Auburn, Maine, and joined the U.S. Navy. While in the Navy, he had a motorcycle accident

and was severely burned. He did not give up. He later worked as a truck driver hauling potatoes to Florida, then hauling fruit back to Maine. He is self-taught in navigating techniques.

In 1980, he soloed on *The Enchantress* across the Atlantic from Portland, Maine, to Falmouth, England, and back again. In 1981, he sailed alone in *The Enchantress* to the Bermuda Triangle to learn something more about the mysterious disappearance of ships in that area.

On the morning of June 13, 1982, Dunlop sailed out of Portland Harbor for Falmouth, England. Almost the entire journey was spent in damp and foggy weather. He endured without radio contact and without his sextant. Stormy seas and whales larger than his vessel threatened to end his voyage. He ran out of provisions a week before landing. Despite these hardships, Dunlop did not give up. He reached the shores of Falmouth, England, without assistance on the morning of August 29, 1982.

Most members of our Nation will never know the depth of courage and perseverance Bill Dunlop required to withstand the ocean's moods and dangers. Bill Dunlop is a brave and determined man. He plans to continue his trip in 1984 from Falmouth, England, around the world.

He deserves the special recognition that the world has bestowed upon him and the day that the town of Mechanic Falls has named after him.

Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further morning business? If not, morning business is closed.

TEMPORARY INCREASE IN THE PUBLIC DEBT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume consideration of the unfinished business, which the clerk will state.

The Secretary of the Senate read as follows:

A House joint resolution (H.J. Res. 520) to provide for a temporary increase in the public debt limit.

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

Mr. WEICKER. Mr. President, a parliamentary inquiry.