

Mr. LEVIN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of William S. Cohen, of Maine, to be Secretary of Defense? On this question, the yeas and nays have been ordered, and the clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 99, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 2 Ex.]

YEAS—99

Abraham	Faircloth	Lieberman
Akaka	Feingold	Lott
Allard	Feinstein	Lugar
Ashcroft	Ford	Mack
Baucus	Frist	McCain
Bennett	Glenn	McConnell
Biden	Gorton	Mikulski
Bingaman	Graham	Moseley-Braun
Bond	Gramm	Moynihan
Boxer	Grams	Murkowski
Breaux	Grassley	Murray
Brownback	Gregg	Nickles
Bryan	Hagel	Reed
Bumpers	Harkin	Reid
Burns	Hatch	Robb
Byrd	Helms	Roberts
Campbell	Hollings	Roth
Chafee	Hutchinson	Santorum
Cleland	Hutchison	Sarbanes
Coats	Inhofe	Sessions
Cochran	Inouye	Shelby
Collins	Jeffords	Smith Bob
Conrad	Johnson	Smith Gordon H
Coverdell	Kempthorne	Snowe
Craig	Kennedy	Specter
D'Amato	Kerrey	Stevens
Daschle	Kerry	Thomas
DeWine	Kohl	Thompson
Dodd	Kyl	Thurmond
Domenici	Landrieu	Torricelli
Dorgan	Lautenberg	Warner
Durbin	Leahy	Wellstone
Enzi	Levin	Wyden

NOT VOTING—1

Rockefeller

The nomination was confirmed.

Mr. THURMOND. Madam President, I move to reconsider the vote.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. LOTT. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the President be immediately notified that the Senate has given its consent to the nomination and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will return to legislative session.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Madam President, I ask that there now be a period for the transaction of routine morning business, with Senators permitted to speak

for up to 10 minutes each, noting that a number of Senators had hoped to speak before the vote on behalf of this nominee's confirmation. I know a few would like to get their remarks in the RECORD at this point. Others will want to introduce bills and speak on their legislation.

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

Mr. GLENN. Reserving the right to object, I would like to have 25 minutes after the statements on Senator Cohen appear, if that is all right.

Mr. LOTT. Madam President, I amend that consent to allow the Senator from Ohio to take 25 minutes, with the understanding that we have a few Senators who would like to speak first for not more than 10 minutes on behalf of this nomination.

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

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I note to those Senators who may not have been told, there are no votes tomorrow or votes on Friday. I ask the leader if he can clarify that.

Mr. LOTT. Madam President, for the information of all Senators, we are pleased to announce that there will be no further votes today. The Senate will be in session tomorrow, Thursday, January 23, for a period of morning business, to continue the opportunity for Senators to offer bills and make statements on behalf of those bills.

The Senate then is expected to recess over until Monday, the 27th, for a pro forma session only. No business will be transacted during Monday's session. The next time the Senate will be in session to conduct business will be on Tuesday, January 28, when we hope and expect that we will have another nomination ready to be voted on. It hasn't been completed yet, but we hope to continue next week with confirmation votes. After meeting with the Democratic leader, we will begin to also notify Members as to when we hope bills will be coming up and will be ready for vote.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I thank the majority leader for his comments with regard to the schedule and also for his cooperation in moving these two nominations as quickly as we have.

I think the widespread support for both nominees is a real indication of the kind of support both colleagues have, and also a real indication of the kind of leadership demonstrated on the Republican side of the aisle when it comes to these nominations. This is in keeping with the comments made earlier by the majority leader. I appreciate his cooperation very much.

I yield to Senator ROBB at this time and reserve my right to the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia [Mr. ROBB] is recognized.

Mr. ROBB. Madam President, I will submit for the RECORD a statement re-

lating to the nomination and confirmation of both now Secretary Madeleine Albright and now Secretary Bill Cohen. I was unable to get to the floor during those particular periods when their virtues were being extolled at some length. I have enormous respect for them individually, as all of our colleagues do.

I salute the leadership on both sides of the aisle for moving these nominations through expeditiously. I believe they are both committed to a strong national defense and assertive foreign policy. I think they will work well together as a team and with the President. I think their respective quick confirmations are good for the country. I commend all of those who helped to make that possible, including my distinguished senior Senator from Virginia and the distinguished majority leader, as well as the minority leader, for what they have done.

CONFIRMATION OF MADELEINE ALBRIGHT TO BE SECRETARY OF STATE

Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I am pleased to support the distinguished choice of Madeleine Albright to be Secretary of State. Ambassador Albright has served the country with distinction over a 20-year period. She brings the requisite skills, knowledge, and experience to one of the most demanding jobs in Government, and I am confident that she will help President Clinton continue our leadership of the community of nations.

During her confirmation hearing, Ambassador Albright conveyed to me a strong sense of how the United States must act and lead in addressing problems around the world where our interests and values are at stake. She demonstrated a keen understanding of how diplomacy and force work together to advance our foreign policy goals.

Ambassador Albright stated to the committee that "force, and the credible possibility of its use, are essential to defend our vital interests and to keep America safe. But force alone can be a blunt instrument, and there are many problems it cannot solve. To be effective, force and diplomacy must complement and reinforce each other."

I believe we need to tangibly demonstrate our commitment to peace and stability, in both manpower and structure, as we forge a new security order in Europe and serve as a balancing wheel in Asia. American leadership abroad will depend on the President and his national security team having the spine to lead our allies against inimical forces, including rogue nations, terrorist elements, and the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

In that regard, President Clinton has chosen well in Madeleine Albright. She has a direct, no nonsense style that suits these times well, and will invigorate our foreign policy agenda. I look forward to joining hands with her as