to work out on our side as it relates to amendments, and I have not seen this list yet. I want to be sure, when I have told my colleagues that their amendment has been accepted, I want it on the managers' list or I want it on the amendment that goes to be worked out.

Mr. STEVENS. I say to the Senator from Kentucky, Mr. President, many of the amendments that are on the list that have come from your side are, in fact, on the managers' list. But they will be qualified if they are on the list you have given us.

Mr. FORD. I want to be sure that all of these amendments—I have not seen the list, I say to my friend, and would like to work it out.

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Will the Senator from Alaska yield?

Mr. STEVENS. I will be happy to yield, Mr. President.

Mr. STEVENS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, my request is still pending.

Mr. WELLSTONE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, as I understand the unanimous consent request, what the Senator is saying is that after disposal of the last amendment, we go right to final passage; is that correct? But there is no limit on debate on amendments; is that correct?

Mr. STEVENS. These listed amendments will be disposed of. Once they are disposed of, the bill will go to third reading. They will have to be either acted upon or withdrawn.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I understand. But there is no limit on debate on the individual amendments; is that correct?

Mr. STEVENS. There is no limit there on debate time. I intend to do my best to do that.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I withdraw my objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. FORD. I reserved my right to object a moment ago, and I have no objection now. I thank the chairman for his courtesy.

Mr. STEVENS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. I have been asked to amend my request and add this following—ask unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the Chair be authorized to appoint the following conferees—Mr. Ted Stevens, Mr. Mark Hatfield, Mr. Craig Lott, Mr. Sue Clark, Mr. Tim Johnson, and Mr. Jim Jeffords, and the foregoing occur without any intervening action or debate, and I further ask that when the Senate passes H.R. 629, as amended, that S. 2132 be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, we are proceeding now to a look at the amendments that are not in the managers' package. I intend to address that issue with the Senate.

It is my understanding that Senator Baucus has an amendment that he wishes to have 20 minutes equally divided; Senator Bingaman has two amendments; Senator Boxer's amendment that was on the list is in the managers' package; Senator Bumpers' amendment is on the list in the managers' package; Senator Byrd has two amendments which are to be in the managers' package; Senator Daschle's relevant amendments are withdrawn, as I understand it; Senator Dodd has one amendment dealing with Army pensions which we have not seen; Senator Durbin's amendment on land conveyance is in the package; his amendment on office in the Opinion of the Senate, independent powers will be opposed and we will have to deal with it; Senator Dorgan's amendment on Indian incentive program is in the package, and I understand his second amendment will now be offered; Senator Graham's amendment on National Symphony is not in the package and would have to be debated; Senator Graham has a land transfer amendment which is in the package now, and the space amendment, as I understand it, is the same as the amendment from Senator Mack, and that will have to be debated; Senator Harkin has the outlay amendment, and the POO amendment is in the package, the vets medals amendment we have not seen and we cannot discuss it; Senator Hollings' amendment will be accepted; Senator Inouye's manager's amendment is in the managers' package; Senator Kerry's SOS payroll tax amendment cannot be accepted and will have to be debated; there are two relevant amendments by Senator Kerry which we have not seen; Senator Leahy's amendment cannot be accepted; Senator Reed's amendment we have not seen; and Senator Robb's amendment on reimbursement we would like to discuss with Senator Romm—it is in the House bill; we prefer not to take it up at this time if we can avoid it—and Senator Wellstone's amendment on child soldiers has been accepted, the domestic violence one has not been agreed to yet—we will have to discuss it with them.

Those are the amendments on the Democratic side.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, would the Senator yield for a question?

Mr. STEVENS. Yes.

Mr. FORD. I was trying to keep up with you, with the Senator. Senator Dodd has one as it relates to Lyme Disease.

Mr. STEVENS. That is in the package.

Mr. FORD. That is in the package.

Mr. STEVENS. Yes.

Mr. FORD. Then he still has two left.

Mr. STEVENS. I realize the relevant one is just a place holder.

Mr. FORD. I understand. That is correct.

Mr. INOUYE. Will the chairman yield? I am now working on an amendment for Senator Carol Moseley-Braun. Can I discuss that with you later?

Mr. STEVENS. Yes. I would be happy to do that. The Senator has the right to an amendment in the managers' package since it has been accepted?

Mr. STEVENS. It is in there.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I am sorry.

Mr. STEVENS. The domestic violence one I do not think I have seen yet. That is also being reviewed by the Armed Services Committee and we cannot report that yet.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I say to my colleague, I am ready to debate it if you want to, but let me let me know.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, while the chairman is working on the list, I have a quick unanimous consent agreement we have worked out. I would like to go ahead and get that done while we have a break here.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent that immediately after the conclusion of morning business, following the reconvening of the Senate from the August recess, the Senate proceed to the conference report to accompany the Texas Compact, H.R. 629, and that conference report be considered as having been read. I further ask that there be 4 hours of debate, equally divided, between the Senator from Minnesota, Senator Wellstone, and Senator Hatch, or their designees, and following the conclusion or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to a vote on adoption of the conference report, without any intervening action or debate.

Now, I did not specify whether this would be Monday the 31st or Tuesday, September 1st. I need to talk further about the exact date with the Senators involved, and Senator Daschle, but the first day we are back. And I appreciate the cooperation I received from Senator Wellstone on this UC.

Mr. WELLSTONE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. WELLSTONE. I do not object. I would also like to thank the majority leader for his cooperation.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.
Mr. LOTT. I yield the floor.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

AMENDMENTS NO. 3420 THROUGH 3464, EN BLOC

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I have sent to the first managers' package. And I believe that it has been cleared on both sides. So there is no misunderstanding about it, because Senators may wonder whether the amendments are in this or not, I want to read this package and then ask for its immediate consideration. Senator AKAKA's amendment on electric vehicles R&D funds; Bingaman-Domenici on the Air National Guard Program at White Sands; an amendment that I have offered for Senator COCHRAN on acoustic sensor technology; the Domenici-Harkin amendment on food stamp report; the Durbin amendment on land conveyance at Port Sheridan; the Gregg amendment on conveyance of former Pease Air Force Base to the Air Force; the Hollings amendment on environmental restoration; my amendment for strategic materials manufacturing; the Inouye amendment on American Samoa vets; the Inouye amendment on Ford Island; the Kennedy amendment on cybersecurity; the Kerry amendment on Lyme disease; the Kyl amendment on land transfers; my amendment for Senator WARNER on Palmtop computer technology; the Bennett amendment on al-monkey; the Bennett amendment on alternative turbine engines; and the Dorgan amendment on Inland-Ford amendment on chemical decontamination; the Bennett amendment on alternate turbine engines; and the Gramm amendment on military voting rights.

There should be 44 separate amendments in that package. They have been cleared on both sides, and unless there is some discussion, I ask unanimous consent the first managers' package be adopted and any statements offered by any Senator appear in the Record prior to adoption of that Senator's amendment that is in the package.

I add to it, Senator Inouye has a managers' amendment—this would be the first amendment of Senator Inouye—for Ms. Moseley-Braun that pertains to the National Guard Armory in Chicago.

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

The managers' amendment is adopted.

Mr. STEVENS. I send the last amendment to the desk to be included, and it makes 45 amendments in the package.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the en bloc amendments.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] proposes amendments No. 3420 through and including 3463 en bloc, and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUYE], for Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, proposes amendment numbered 3464.

The amendments are as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 3420

(Purpose: To set aside $12,000,000 for continuation of electric and hybrid-electric vehicle development)

On page 33, line 25, insert before the period at the end of the following:

That of the funds appropriated under this heading, $12,000,000 shall be available only to continue development of electric and hybrid-electric vehicles.

Mr. AKAKA. I have offered an amendment to the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill to provide $12 million for electric and hybrid-electric vehicle development. The funds will be administered by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, known as DARPA. Senators INOUYE, JEFFORDS, LEAHY, COATS, and BOXER have joined me as cosponsors of the amendment.

This is not a new program. Congress provided $115 million to the Department of Defense for the electric vehicle program over the past five fiscal years. Industry has contributed more than $115 million in matching funds. In fiscal year 1998, the appropriation was $15 million, so my amendment represents a budget reduction of 20 percent compared to the current fiscal year.

Seven regional consortia, comprised of more than 200 member companies, participate in the program. Individual consortia, which were selected competitively, include Hawaii, Sacramento, the Mid Atlantic Consortium in Johnstown, PA, the Northeast Consortium in Boston, the Southern Consortium in Atlanta, the Mid America Consortium in Indianapolis, and CALSTART in Burbank, CA.

The President's fiscal year 1999 budget proposed that the DARPA program be transferred to the Department of Energy and the Department of Transportation. The object of the fiscal year 1999 bill was to transfer the developed technology to commercial service vehicles such as buses, delivery vans, and service trucks. I support this transfer.

Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of all three federal agencies and the consortium that participate in the electric vehicle program, another year of funding through the Department of Defense is needed before the transition can proceed.

The Department of Defense has long been interested in hybrid electric combat vehicles because they can reduce fuel consumption by 50 percent, leading to a reduced fuel logistics burden, increased endurance, and reduced emissions. In addition, hybrid electric combat vehicles use electric power for mobility, weapons, countermeasures and sensors, and have reduced thermal and acoustic signatures.

The five-year DARPA program has resulted in the development of a number of combat vehicles with hybrid electric propulsion. These include an Army M-113 Armored Personnel Carrier, a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, two High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles, commonly known as Humvees, and a prototype composite armored vehicle.

Other DoD projects are in the planning stages. DARPA and the Marine Corps are jointly developing a hybrid-electric reconnaissance, surveillance and targeting vehicle, designed as a stealthy, fuel efficient vehicle that can be transported by the V-22 Osprey in support of the Marine Corps Sea Dragon operation. DARPA and the Army are jointly developing a combat hybrid power system for a 15-ton future combat vehicle. The system will provide pulse power for electric guns, directed energy weapons, and electromagnetic armor, as well as other components and systems.

The funds provided by my amendment should be used in the same manner, and for the same program objectives, as in fiscal year 1998 funding. As the author of the amendment, it is my intention that DARPA administer the program as it did in fiscal year 1998, and that funds can be used for the development of defense and non-defense electric and hybrid-electric vehicles.

I thank the Chairman, and my colleague, the Democrat on the subcommittee for their consideration of my amendment. I yield the floor.