

opening statements. I know there are a number of other Senators who want to make opening statements on this very important issue.

I am sure whatever agreement the Senator from Kentucky and I, along with the Senator from Wisconsin, might want to enter into would clearly take into consideration that there will be a number of opening statements that a number of Senators will have to make.

I yield the floor.

Mr. FEINGOLD. I certainly have no objection to the Senator from Kentucky laying down an amendment. Before he does that, I do make one comment on the colloquy I just listened to.

It is my understanding, based on the agreement we have with the majority leader—I just want to reiterate what Senator MCCAIN said—that this was to be a 5-day debate. The critical issue here is on what day the cloture motion can be filed. It is certainly my understanding, based on the discussion we just had, the cloture motion can't be filed until Monday, meaning the cloture vote couldn't occur before Wednesday. That is how I am going to proceed, and I assume that is the good faith understanding.

This agreement was not hammered out of pure good faith. This was based, as it should be in the Senate, on our willingness to withdraw an amendment from a piece of legislation at another critical time when the Senate's business was pressing.

I certainly intend to give an opening statement. This bill is not different from any other major piece of legislation. In fact, I argue it is one of the most important bills we can take up. It is important it be set out properly, and I certainly intend to make an opening statement tomorrow as well.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Finally, I ask unanimous consent the following staff members be permitted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of S. 1593, campaign finance reform legislation: Bob Schiff, Mary Murphy, Kitty Thomas, Tom Walls, Sumner Slichter, and Marla Kanemitsu.

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

The Senator from Kentucky.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative assistant proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak up to 10 minutes each.

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

CHANGES TO THE BUDGETARY AGGREGATES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ALLOCATION

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, section 314 of the Congressional Budget Act, as amended, requires the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to adjust the appropriate budgetary aggregates and the allocation for the Appropriations Committee to reflect amounts provided for emergency requirements.

REVISIONS TO THE 2000 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

	Budget authority	Outlays
Current Allocation:		
General purpose discretionary	534,241,000,000	552,763,000,000
Violent crime reduction fund	4,500,000,000	5,554,000,000
Highways		24,574,000,000
Mass transit		4,117,000,000
Mandatory	321,502,000,000	304,297,000,000
Total	869,243,000,000	891,305,000,000
Adjustments:		
General purpose discretionary	+7,200,000,000	+4,817,000,000
Violent crime reduction fund		
Highways		
Mass transit		
Mandatory		
Total	+7,200,000,000	+4,817,000,000
Revised Allocation:		
General purpose discretionary	550,441,000,000	557,580,000,000
Violent crime reduction fund	4,500,000,000	5,554,000,000
Highways		24,574,000,000
Mass transit		4,117,000,000
Mandatory	321,502,000,000	304,297,000,000
Total	876,443,000,000	896,122,000,000

REVISIONS TO THE 2000 BUDGET AGGREGATES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 311 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

	Budget authority	Outlays	Deficit
Current Allocation:			
Budget Resolution	1,438,190,000,000	1,424,145,000,000	-16,063,000,000
Adjustments:			
Emergencies	+7,200,000,000	+4,817,000,000	-4,817,000,000
Revised Allocation:			
Budget Resolution	1,445,390,000,000	1,428,962,000,000	-20,880,000,000

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent due to a family medical emergency during Senate action on rollcall votes No. 317 through 322.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted as follows. On rollcall vote No. 317, the motion to table Senate amendment 1861, an amendment to ensure accountability in programs for disadvantaged students, I would have voted not to table. On rollcall vote No. 318, Senate amendment 1842, an amendment to express the sense of the Senate

regarding the importance of determining the economic status of former recipients of temporary assistance to needy families, I would have voted for the amendment. On rollcall vote No. 319, the motion to table Senate amendment 1825, an amendment to prohibit the use of funds for the promulgation or issuing of any standard relating to ergonomic protection, I would have voted against tabling the amendment. On rollcall vote No. 320, the motion to table Senate amendment 1844, an amendment to limit the applicability

of the Davis-Bacon Act in areas designated as disaster areas, I would have voted to table the amendment. On rollcall vote 321, final passage of S. 1650, an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, I would have voted for passage of the bill, albeit with reservations about specific provisions of the bill. Finally, on rollcall vote 322, the

motion to invoke cloture on the conference report on H.R. 1906, the Agriculture Appropriations Act, I would have voted against cloture.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE RULES

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I hereby give notice in writing that I intend to offer an amendment to the Standing Rules of the Senate that would require any Senator to report to the Select Committee on Ethics any credible information available to him or her that indicates that any Senator may have: (1) violated the Senate Code of Office Conduct; (2) violated a law; or (3) violated any rule or regulation of the Senate relating to the conduct of individuals in the performance of their duties as Senators. Such allegations or information may be reported to the chairman, the vice chairman, a committee member, or the staff director of the Select Committee on Ethics.

The material follows:

AMENDMENT NO. —

On page ____, after line ____, insert the following:

SEC. ____. REQUIRING SENATORS TO REPORT CREDIBLE INFORMATION OF CORRUPTION.

The Standing Rules of the Senate are amended by adding at the end the following:

“RULE XLIV

“REQUIRING SENATORS TO REPORT CREDIBLE INFORMATION OF CORRUPTION

“(a) A Senator shall report to the Select Committee on Ethics any credible information available to him or her that indicates that any Senator may have—

“(1) violated the Senate Code of Office Conduct;

“(2) violated a law; or

“(3) violated any rule or regulation of the Senate relating to the conduct of individuals in the performance of their duties as Senators.

“(b) Information may be reported under subsection (a) to the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, a Committee member, or the staff director of the Select Committee on Ethics.”.

SEC. ____. BRIBERY PENALTIES FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

Section 201(b) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, except that, with respect to a person who violates paragraph (2), the amount of the fine under this subsection shall be not less than \$100,000, the term of imprisonment shall be not less than 1 year, and such person shall be disqualified from holding any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States”.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, October 12, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,660,733,437,442.56 (Five trillion, six hundred sixty billion, seven hundred thirty-three million, four hundred thirty-seven thousand, four hundred forty-two dollars and fifty-six cents).

Five years ago, October 12, 1994, the Federal debt stood at \$4,686,727,000,000 (Four trillion, six hundred eighty-six billion, seven hundred twenty-seven million).

Ten years ago, October 12, 1989, the Federal debt stood at \$2,869,151,000,000 (Two trillion, eight hundred sixty-nine billion, one hundred fifty-one million).

Fifteen years ago, October 12, 1984, the Federal debt stood at \$1,572,268,000,000 (One trillion, five hundred seventy-two billion, two hundred sixty-eight million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,088,465,437,442.56 (Four trillion, eighty-eight billion, four hundred sixty-five million, four hundred thirty-seven thousand, four hundred forty-two dollars and fifty-six cents) during the past 15 years.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, in the interest of moving this appropriations bill forward, I will withdraw my amendment to increase the funding for the successful GEAR-UP program. However, I urge the conferees to fund this program at \$240 million—\$60 million over the Senate bill—so that now needy students can get the support they need to attend college.

More than 130,000 students will be denied services if GEAR UP is funded at \$180 million rather than at the President's request of \$240 million. \$154 million is needed just to fully fund continuation grants for this year's grantees. We must uphold our commitment to these students, and extend the opportunity that this program offers to every needy student.

This year, 678 applications for both state and local partnerships were received and we were only able to fund 185—only 1 out of 4 applications. We have to do more to help children early so that college is accessible for every child.

Many low-income families do not know how to plan for college, often because they have not done it before. We should do more to ensure that schools and communities can provide the academic support, early college awareness activities, and information on financial aid and scholarships so that students and their families can plan for a better future. We must encourage our young people to have high expectations, to stay in school, and to take the necessary courses so that they can succeed in college. We cannot abandon the five-year commitment that we made to these families last year.

I commend my colleagues on the appropriations committee for making hard choices between important programs. But, I urge you to give GEAR UP your highest consideration in conference.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting a treaty and sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO TREASURY DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC LICENSES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 64

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6), as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, Public Law 104-114, 110 Stat. 785, I transmit herewith a semiannual report “detailing payments made to Cuba . . . as a result of the provision of telecommunications services” pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 13, 1999.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 322. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to add the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed.

S. 800. An act to promote and enhance public safety through the use of 9-1-1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9-1-1 service, support of States in upgrading 9-1-1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless services, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 20. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on land owned by the State of New York.

H.R. 643. An act to redesignate the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the “Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building.”

H.R. 748. An act to amend the act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historic Parks Advisory Commission.

H.R. 1374. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 680