

exempt the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System from environmental review; and cut funding for important conservation programs.

For these reasons, I oppose this conference report and urge my colleagues to oppose it as well.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that following the remarks of the distinguished majority leader, the Senate proceed to vote on the adoption of the conference report with no intervening action or debate.

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

The majority leader.

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, before we vote I will take a minute to outline the schedule. This will be the last vote prior to the Presidents Day recess. The Senate will be in session tomorrow. However, no rollcall votes will occur during Friday's session.

At the conclusion of Friday's business, we will adjourn until Monday, February 24, under the order. At noon on Monday, February 24, Senator CHAMBLISS will deliver George Washington's Farewell Address. Following the address, the Senate will resume consideration of the Estrada nomination. In addition, on February 24, we will consider S. 151, the Protect Act. Members should expect to vote on passage of that bill at approximately 5:30. I will notify all Members when the exact time is locked in.

I thank all Members for their cooperation during this busy period. Again, this will be the last vote before the recess. The vote will be conducted in a few minutes, and the Senate will be in session tomorrow.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

Mr. REID. Madam President, will the majority leader yield for a question?

Mr. FRIST. Yes.

Mr. REID. Can Members be assured that there will be no vote prior to 5:30 on the Monday we come back?

Mr. FRIST. That assurance will be given.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is all time yielded back for debate on the conference report?

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask that the time of the ranking member be yielded back.

Mr. STEVENS. I yield back all time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the conference report. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. FRIST. I announce that the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) is necessarily absent.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) would vote "no".

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

The result was announced—yeas 76, nays 20, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 34 Leg.]

YEAS—76

Akaka	DeWine	Mikulski
Alexander	Dole	Miller
Allard	Domenici	Murkowski
Allen	Dorgan	Murray
Baucus	Ensign	Nelson (FL)
Bayh	Enzi	Nelson (NE)
Bennett	Feinstein	Nickles
Biden	Frist	Reed
Bond	Graham (SC)	Roberts
Breaux	Grassley	Santorum
Brownback	Gregg	Schumer
Bunning	Hagel	Sessions
Burns	Harkin	Shelby
Byrd	Hatch	Smith
Campbell	Hollings	Snowe
Cantwell	Hutchinson	Specter
Carper	Inhofe	Stabenow
Chafee	Inouye	Stevens
Chambliss	Johnson	Sununu
Clinton	Kohl	Talent
Cochran	Kyl	Thomas
Coleman	Landrieu	Voinovich
Collins	Lincoln	Warner
Cornyn	Lott	Wyden
Craig	Lugar	
Crapo	McCain	

NAYS—20

Bingaman	Durbin	Levin
Boxer	Edwards	Lieberman
Conrad	Feingold	Pryor
Corzine	Fitzgerald	Reid
Daschle	Jeffords	Rockefeller
Dayton	Kennedy	Sarbanes
Dodd	Lautenberg	

NOT VOTING—4

Graham (FL)	Leahy
Kerry	McConnell

The conference report was agreed to.

Mr. FRIST. I move to reconsider the vote, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period for morning business.

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

SALTONSTALL-KENNEDY GRANT PROGRAM AND CREATION OF THE ALASKA FISHERIES MARKETING BOARD

Mr. STEVENS. Madam President, the Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) Grant Program is a competitive program administered by the National Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, Department of Commerce. The S-K program was established by the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act of 1954 to promote U.S. seafood products around the world and generally support our Nation's fisheries. For the first time in 1979, S-K receipts from import duties on fishery products were transferred to NOAA's base budget to fund an indus-

try/government partnership. However, without my amendment in fiscal year 2003 NOAA would transfer \$75 million to its base budget, leaving only \$220,000 for the original purposes of this program—promoting domestic seafood production. This provision ensures that a little less than 15 percent of those receipts transferred to NOAA will be used for their intended purpose—promoting domestic seafood from Alaska, home to half of the U.S. domestic seafood production.

This bill includes \$10 million from the S-K program to market Alaska seafood products and creates the Alaska Fisheries Marketing Board to administer these funds. This program will help develop and promote high-value fresh and fresh-frozen Alaskan seafood products, allowing Alaska fishermen to better compete in the global and domestic markets.

The Secretary of Commerce will appoint the members of the board and the executive director. In appointing members to the board, the Secretary shall fully consult with and seek recommendations from the Governor of Alaska. The membership should reflect the various aspects of seafood production, distribution, State oversight and the retail of Alaska seafood products. This would include three individuals with experience in harvesting Alaska seafood, two individuals with experience in fish processing, one individual from the Alaska transportation industry, one individual from the Alaska State legislature—preferably with experience on the State of Alaska's Salmon Task Force, one individual with experience in mass market food distribution, one individual with experience in mass market food retailing, one individual with experience in niche marketing of Alaska seafood products, and one individual recommended by the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

The board will solicit grant proposals for marketing Alaska seafood from the public, review them, and fund those that will do the most to help reinvigorate struggling sectors of the Alaska seafood industry. These proposals can promote region-specific or species-specific marketing programs that do not undermine existing statewide "Alaska Seafood" marketing efforts.

The board may choose to promote the development of new processing technologies to insure the commercial viability of Alaska seafood and improve related transportation costs in delivering these products to market, and will work to improve the overall marketability of Alaska seafood.

I look forward to working with the Secretary of Commerce on establishing the Alaska Fisheries Marketing Board and helping the Alaska seafood industry get its message out to the world.

HAPPY 100TH ANNIVERSARY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Mr. HOLLINGS. Madam President, tomorrow the smallest of our Cabinet