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The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the joint resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H. J. Res. 82) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 and for other purposes:

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BYRD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will please come to order.

AMENDMENT NO. 2780

Mr. BYRD, Mr. President, I send to the desk an amendment.

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Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the reading of the amendment be waived.

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The amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

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