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

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair. The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANTORUM). The majority leader.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the next two votes in this series be limited to 10 minutes in length.

Mr. NICKLES. The legislative assistant called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON), and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) would vote yea.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), is absent attending a funeral.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GORTON), and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) would vote yea.

The conference report was agreed to.

The legislative assistant read as follows:

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000—CONFERENCE REPORT—Resumed

clothing motion

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative assistant read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the conference report to accompany the District of Columbia appropriations bill.

The motion is that the Senate adopt the conference report, as printed in Part 7 of the Congressional Record for November 19, 1999, and as amended by the House of Representatives.

yeas: 87
nays: 9

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 87, nays 9, as follows:

YEAS—87

Abraham Edwards Lincoln
Akaka Emi Lott
Allard Feingold Luar
Ashcroft Feinstein Mack
Baucus Fitzgerald McConnell
Bayh Pritst Mikitaki
Bennett Graham Moynihan
Biden Grasso Mukowski
Bingaman Grams Nickles
Bond Grassley Noy
Breuer Hagel Robb
Brownback Hatch Roberts
Bunning Helms Rockefeller
Burns Hollings Santorum
Byrd Hutchinson Sarbanes
Chafee Inhols Schumer
Cleland Inouye Sessions
Collins Jeffords Smith (NH)
Conrad Johnson Snowe
Dodd Kennedy Smith (RI)
Dorgan Kerry Specter
Durbin Kohl Stevens
Baucus Lieberman Voinovich
Bingaman Harkin Warner
Bennett Hatch Wyden
Chafee Johnson
Campbell Kennedy
Cook Kerrey
Craford Kerry
Dorgan Koch
Durbin Graham Welstone
Meeks Gehrke
Mikulski Lott
Mikulski Lott
Murray Mank

NAYS—9

Conrad Feingold Grams
Dorgan Feingold Kohl
Durbin Graham Welstone

NOT VOTING—4

Gorton Murray McCain

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the ayes are 87, the nays are 9. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

FISHERIES RESEARCH VESSEL

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the NOAA budget includes $51.56 million in funds to procure the first of four state-of-the-art fishery research vessels to conduct critical research on our nation’s fishery resources. This is an important step in providing for sustainable fisheries for our fishermen, U.S. trade, and U.S. consumers. It is my understanding that these ships will be some of the most technically complex research vessels in the world. It is critical that the procurement of these ships reflect this complexity, and that all U.S. shipbuilders with technical expertise in oceano graphic research ships will have the opportunity to offer their expertise to the Government. Is it the Senator’s understanding that this solicitation will be open to all U.S. shipbuilders, without set-asides that limit competition?

Mr. STEVENS. The Majority Leader is correct. In providing for the first of these ships to be built, we understood that the public will benefit from free and unrestricted competition on this vessel. The demands placed on our fishery management system dictate that we procure the most technically sophisticated ship possible from our U.S. shipbuilding industry. The only way to guarantee this result is to conduct a free and open competition among all

The conference report was agreed to.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, had I been present for the vote on the conference report on H.R. 1180, I would have voted “no.” I would have done so in spite of my high approval of most of the tax extenders and of many of the work initiative provisions. Nevertheless, the bill included an unwise and ill-considered new tax credit for the use of chicken waste for power production. That provision could never have survived standing alone. It is another unjustified complication in our tax code never considered by either House of Congress. It poisons the entire bill.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. I move to reconsider the vote.