CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE
November 19, 1999

There is a sufficient second. The yeas and nays were ordered. 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 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) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, 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.

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

The result was announced—yeas 95, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 372 Leg.]

YEAS—95

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Edward Edwards
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LEYAS—9

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

[Rollcall Vote No. 373 Leg.]

YEAS—87

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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 failed by an uneven 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.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

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.

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

SEASONS GREETINGS
Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, once again, I thank Senators on both sides for their cooperation and for their good work this year and wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

I yield the floor.

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

CLOTURE 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 question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that the conference report accompanying H.R. 3194, an act making appropriations for the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are required under the rule. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

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

I further announce that, if present and voting, 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.

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

[Rollcall Vote No. 373 Leg.]

YEAS—87

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NOT VOTING—4

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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 oceanographic 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