

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

Abraham	Edwards	Lincoln
Akaka	Enzi	Lott
Allard	Feingold	Lugar
Ashcroft	Feinstein	Mack
Baucus	Fitzgerald	McConnell
Bayh	Frist	Mikulski
Bennett	Graham	Moynihan
Biden	Gramm	Murkowski
Bingaman	Grassley	Nickles
Bond	Gregg	Reed
Boxer	Hagel	Robb
Breaux	Harkin	Roberts
Brownback	Hatch	Rockefeller
Bryan	Helm	Roth
Bunning	Hollings	Santorum
Burns	Hutchinson	Sarbanes
Byrd	Hutchison	Schumer
Campbell	Inhofe	Sessions
Chafee, L.	Inouye	Shelby
Cleland	Jeffords	Smith (NH)
Cochran	Johnson	Snowe
Collins	Johnson	Specter
Conrad	Kennedy	Stevens
Coverdell	Kerrey	Thomas
Craig	Kerry	Thompson
Crapo	Kohl	Thurmond
Daschle	Kyl	Torricelli
DeWine	Landrieu	Warner
Dodd	Lautenberg	Wellstone
Domenici	Leahy	Wyden
Dorgan	Levin	
Durbin	Lieberman	

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—4

Gorton	Murray
McCain	Smith (OR)

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.

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.

Trent Lott, Ted Stevens, Larry E. Craig, Judd Gregg, Tim Hutchinson, Don Nickles, Mike Crapo, Connie Mack, Slade Gorton, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Arlen Specter, Pat Roberts, Chuck Hagel, Richard Shelby, Thad Cochran, and John Warner.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that the conference report accompanying H.R. 3194, an act making appropriations for the government of 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

Abraham	Edwards	Lugar
Akaka	Enzi	Mack
Allard	Feinstein	McConnell
Ashcroft	Frist	Mikulski
Baucus	Gramm	Moynihan
Bayh	Grassley	Murkowski
Bennett	Gregg	Nickles
Biden	Hagel	Reed
Bingaman	Harkin	Reid
Bond	Hatch	Robb
Boxer	Helms	Roberts
Breaux	Hollings	Rockefeller
Brownback	Hutchinson	Roth
Bryan	Hutchison	Santorum
Bunning	Inhofe	Sarbanes
Burns	Inouye	Schumer
Byrd	Jeffords	Sessions
Campbell	Johnson	Shelby
Chafee, L.	Kennedy	Smith (NH)
Cleland	Kerrey	Snowe
Cochran	Kerry	Specter
Collins	Kyl	Stevens
Coverdell	Landrieu	Thomas
Craig	Lautenberg	Thompson
Crapo	Leahy	Thurmond
Daschle	Levin	Torricelli
DeWine	Lieberman	Voinovich
Dodd	Lincoln	Warner
Domenici	Lott	Wyden

NAYS—9

Conrad	Feingold	Grams
Dorgan	Fitzgerald	Kohl
Durbin	Graham	Wellstone

NOT VOTING—4

Gorton	Murray
McCain	Smith (OR)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 87, the nays are 9. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having he 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