pressing needs of other domestic programs in the budget. This is a tough year for the appropriators. We are working on very tight budget caps to meet a whole host of escalating infrastructure needs—both physical and human—in this nation. Senator Stevens was able to trim slightly more than $3 billion from defense spending to allocate to other programs without damaging the integrity of this bill. Even so, it will be difficult to pass all 13 appropriations bills for Fiscal Year 2000 within the constraints of the current budget caps. I do not know what the resolution to this problem will be, but I commend Senator Stevens for the steps he has taken so far, and I look forward to working with him on the remaining appropriations bills.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, inadvertently, at my request, the Senate adopted the Domenici amendment twice. I ask unanimous consent that it be in order to vitiate the adoption of amendment No. 604. It is a duplicate of amendment No. 577.

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

Mr. STEVENS. The bill is ready to be advanced to third reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be read for the third time.

The bill (S. 1122) was read the third time.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I once again thank all Members of the Senate for their cooperation with us in handling this very controversial bill. I thank my constant companion and good friend, the cochairman of our Defense Subcommittee. I yield to him for any comment he might make before I ask for the vote.

Mr. INOUYE. I think you have once again established a new record.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask for unanimous consent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The yeas and nays have been ordered.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Idaho (Mr. Crapo), and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. McCain), are necessarily absent.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Biden), is absent due to a death in the family.

The result was announced—yeas 93, nays 4, as follows:

YEA5—93

Biden
Crane
Dodd
Feingold
Frist
Gorton
Grassley
Hagel
Harkin
Bayh
Bennett
Bingaman
Bond
Breaux
Brownback
Bryan
Burns
Byrd
Campbell
Diaz (+)
Dole (+)
Cochran
Collins
Conrad
Curvedell
Daschle
DeWine
Dodd (+)
Domenici
Durbin (+)
Edwards
Enzi
Feinstein
Fitzgerald
Frut
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Graham
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Hagel
Hatch
Harkin
Hayes
Hollings
Hutchison
Inhofe
Jeffords
Johnson
Kerry
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Kilz
Lane
Lautenberg
Leahy
Leiberman
Lincoln
Lott
Lugar
Mack
McCain
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Meynihan
Markoski
Murray
Nichols
Robb
Roberts
Rockefeller
Roth
Sanford
Santorum
Sarbanes
Schumer
Sensenbrenner
Shelby
Smith (NM)
Smith (OH)
Snowe
Specht
Stevens
Thomas
Thompson
Thurmond
Torricelli
Voinovich
Warner
Wyden

NAYS—4

Boxer
Feingold
Feinstein
Kohl
Welstone
NOT VOTING—3

Biden
Crane
McCain

The bill (S. 1122), as amended, was passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill is ready to be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I congratulate the bill managers. The Senator from Alaska and the Senator from Hawaii always do a magnificent job. This is not a world record for them, but it certainly is a very fine accomplishment. I am very pleased that we have passed this Department of Defense appropriations bill in such good order. I congratulate the chairman for his leadership.

Mr. STEVENS. Once again, I thank all Members of the Senate and staff for handling this defense appropriations bill. There is a war going on. We thought it essential we act as expeditiously as possible. We thought it was important to pass this Department of Defense appropriations bill. There is a war going on. We thought it was necessary for us to defend the Senate’s position to the fullest extent possible. That unanimous consent request is already in place.

Parliamentary inquiry: Is there anything else I need to do in order to handle it according to the prior agreement?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Not at this time.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 96

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote scheduled to occur with respect to S. 96, the Y2K liability bill, on Wednesday, be vitiated, and following the conclusion of the defense appropriations bill the Senate resume S. 96. I further ask that following the reporting of the bill by the clerk, all pending floor amendments and motions be withdrawn, and Senator McCain be immediately recognized to modify the pending committee substitute with the text of S. 1138 and all remaining amendments in order to S. 96 be relevant to the Y2K issue.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following list be printed in the RECORD with respect to the Y2K agreement and first-degree amendments on the Democratic side:

Mr. Hollings, 3 amendments;
Mr. Kerry (MA), 1 amendment;
Mrs. Boxer, 1 amendment;
Mrs. Feinstein, 1 amendment;
Mr. Feingold, 1 amendment;
Mr. Graham, 1 amendment;
Mr. Leahy, 1 amendment;
Mr. Dodd, 1 amendment;
Mr. Edwards, 2 amendments;
Mr. Daschle, 1 amendment.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business with Senators being permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes.

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

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL JEFF SEVERS, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the professional dedication, vision, and public service of Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Severs who is leaving the Air Force Legislative Liaison Office for assignment as the program manager for the Wind Corrected Muniitions Dispenser Program at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. It is a privilege for me to recognize the many outstanding achievements he has provided for the Senate, the Air Force, and our great Nation.

Lieutenant Colonel Severs has served our country with distinction for nearly 14 years. After graduating from the University of Georgia in 1985, he embarked on his Air Force Career with a training assignment at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. He subsequently completed tours of duty at McClellan Air Force Base, California; Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; Los Angeles Air Force Base, California; and back again to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. In each of his Air Force assignments, Lieutenant Colonel Severs’ performance has been outstanding.
Lieutenant Colonel Severs began his tour on Capitol Hill as a legislative fellow assigned to the office of my esteemed colleague from Oklahoma, Senator Jim Inhofe. During this assignment, he worked on the fiscal year 1998 Defense authorization bill. After his assignment with Senator Inhofe, Lieutenant Colonel Severs was reassigned to the Air Force Office of Legislative Liaison in the Pentagon.

Initially, he was responsible for acquisition and logistics issues and was responsible for preparing the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force for posture testimony. He was then selected to be the Executive Officer to the Director of Air Force Legislative Liaison followed shortly thereafter by his assignment as Deputy Chief of the Air Force Senate Liaison Office.

Lieutenant Colonel Severs has earned the respect and trust of many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. His professional abilities and expertise enabled him to foster excellent working relationships that have served the Air Force and the Senate exceptionally well. As a liaison officer in the Senate, Lieutenant Colonel Severs has provided members and staff with informative and timely support regarding Air Force plans, programs, and constituent casework. His efforts have contributed greatly to maintaining the best trained, best equipped, and best prepared Air Force in the world.

Mr. President, Jeff Severs, his wife, Gay, and children, Hugh and Brooke, have made many sacrifices during his 14-year Air Force career. He continues to work with a dedication and enthusiasm seen only in our Nation’s best and brightest. He is a great credit to the Air Force and the country, and his efforts on behalf of members and staff of the Senate will be greatly missed. As he now departs for new challenges at Eglin Air Force Base, I call upon my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to recognize his service to the Senate and wish him well in his new assignment.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Monday, June 7, 1999, the federal debt stood at $5,606,738,885,838.87 (Five trillion, six hundred six billion, seven hundred thirty-eight million, eight hundred eighty-five thousand, eight hundred thirty-eight dollars and eighty-seven cents).

Five years ago, June 7, 1994, the federal debt stood at $4,606,572,000,000 (Four trillion, six hundred six billion, five hundred seventy-two million).

Ten years ago, June 7, 1989, the federal debt stood at $2,795,983,000,000 (Two trillion, seven hundred ninety-five billion, nine hundred forty-four million).

Fifteen years ago, June 7, 1984, the federal debt stood at $1,519,266,000,000 (One trillion, five hundred nineteen billion, two hundred sixty-six million).

Twenty-five years ago, June 7, 1974, the federal debt stood at $719,794,000,000 (Four hundred seventy-one billion, seven hundred ninety-four million) which reflects a debt increase of more than $5 trillion—$5,134,941,885,838.87 (Five trillion, one hundred thirty-four billion, nine hundred forty-four million, eight hundred fifty thousand, eight hundred thirty-eight dollars and eighty-seven cents) during the past 25 years.

S. 744

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, today I rise to speak briefly on a bill reported out of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on May 19, 1999. S. 744 provides for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, and for other purposes.

The purpose of S. 744 is to provide Alaska’s federal land grant college, the University of Alaska, with a federal land grant of at least 250,000 acres. S. 744 would also transfer to the federal government 29 island units currently owned by the University within conservation system units in Alaska.

When this bill was passed out of Committee it was done so with an amendment that clarified the lands the University was to relinquish under Section 3 of the bill. Those lands are listed in a document entitled “The University of Alaska’s Inholding and Reconveyance Document” and dated May 17, 1999.

I ask unanimous consent a copy of this document be printed in today’s CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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