

appreciative of his willingness to work with us to accommodate the opportunity for Senators to offer amendments, which is what this agreement will allow.

This is a fair agreement. This isn't everything that our caucus or our colleagues have indicated they would like. There are far more amendments than this agreement will allow. But I underscore a comment just made by the majority leader. This is not going to be the last word on tax policy in this session of Congress. There will be other opportunities. I will do my utmost to accommodate Senators who have amendments they want to offer, if they are not going to be offered as part of this agreement.

I thank all of my caucus for their willingness to accommodate this agreement and for the opportunity to work through a very difficult set of procedural circumstances. This is far better than the old way that we were likely to be subscribing to, which is a cloture vote denying amendments of any kind, and maybe even denying an ultimate result. This will allow an ultimate result.

I hope we can have a good debate. I hope we can deal with these issues in a way that will afford us a real opportunity to consider alternatives. I think this agreement allows that.

I appreciate very much the majority leader's willingness to work with us. I appreciate especially the indulgence and the cooperation of all members of the Democratic caucus.

I yield the floor.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 3185

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 2549, and proceed to vote in relation to the pending amendment, No. 3185.

The question is on agreeing to the amendment. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) are necessarily absent.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BURNS). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber who desire to vote?

The result was announced, yeas 86, nays 11, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 174 Leg.]

YEAS—86

Abraham	Ashcroft	Bennett
Akaka	Baucus	Biden
Allard	Bayh	Bingaman

Bond	Gramm	McCain
Boxer	Grams	McConnell
Breaux	Grassley	Mikulski
Brownback	Hagel	Moynihan
Bryan	Harkin	Murkowski
Burns	Hatch	Murray
Byrd	Hollings	Nickles
Campbell	Hutchinson	Reed
Chafee, L.	Hutchison	Reid
Cleland	Inhofe	Robb
Cochran	Inouye	Roberts
Conrad	Jeffords	Rockefeller
Coverdell	Johnson	Roth
Craig	Kennedy	Santorum
Crapo	Kerrey	Sarbanes
Daschle	Kerry	Schumer
Domenici	Kohl	Smith (OR)
Dorgan	Landrieu	Stevens
Durbin	Lautenberg	Thomas
Edwards	Leahy	Thurmond
Enzi	Levin	Torricelli
Feinstein	Lieberman	Voinovich
Fitzgerald	Lincoln	Warner
Frist	Lott	Wellstone
Gorton	Lugar	Wyden
Graham	Mack	

NAYS—11

Bunning	Kyl	Snowe
Collins	Sessions	Specter
DeWine	Shelby	Thompson
Feingold	Smith (NH)	

NOT VOTING—3

Dodd	Gregg	Helms
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The amendment (No. 3185) was agreed to.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, in the presence of the assistant Democratic leader, I ask unanimous consent that, with the exception of the Byrd amendment on bilateral trade, which will be disposed of this evening, votes occur on the other amendments listed in that order beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2000.

I further ask unanimous consent that, upon final passage of H.R. 4205, the Senate amendment, be printed as passed.

I further ask unanimous consent that, following disposition of H.R. 4205 and the appointment of conferees the Senate proceed immediately to the consideration en bloc of S. 2550, S. 2551, and S. 2552, Calendar Order Nos. 544, 545, and 546; that all after the enacting clause of these bills be stricken and that the appropriate portion of S. 2549, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof, as follows:

S. 2550: Insert Division A of S. 2549, as passed;

S. 2551: Insert Division B of S. 2549, as passed;

S. 2552: Insert Division C of S. 2549, as passed; that these bills be advanced to third reading and passed; that the motion to reconsider en bloc be laid upon the table; and that the above actions occur without intervening action or debate.

Finally, I ask unanimous consent with respect to S. 2549, S. 2550, S. 2551, and S. 2552, as just passed by the Senate, that if the Senate receives a mes-

sage with respect to any of these bills from the House of Representatives, the Senate disagree with the House on its amendment or amendments to the Senate-passed bill and agree to or request a conference, as appropriate, with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses; that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees; and that the foregoing occur without any intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object, it is my further understanding that there are remaining four votes that are going to be needed, and they are on amendments by Senators FEINGOLD, DURBIN, HARKIN, and KERRY of Massachusetts.

Mr. GORTON. I believe the Senator is correct.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume consideration of the Interior appropriations bill, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4578) making appropriations for the Department of Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Wellstone amendment No. 3772, to increase funding for emergency expenses resulting from wind storms.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, we are finally back on the appropriations bill for the Department of the Interior. We will be on it from now until 6:30 this evening, when I understand we go back to the Defense authorization bill.

We have made some very real progress in the last 24 hours in the sense that we have a finite list of amendments that can be brought up on this bill. The difficulty is that, as I count them, there are 112 of those amendments that are in order at this point. The distinguished Senator from West Virginia and I both hope and believe that many of them will not be brought up, but this is notification to Members that if they are interested in having their amendments discussed, if they want to get the views of the managers of the bill on those amendments, they should be prompt. We want to hear from everyone this afternoon because we want to finish the bill today or, more likely, tomorrow.

One amendment that is ready to go is the amendment proposed by the senior Senator from Minnesota, together with the junior Senator from Minnesota, that is technically, I believe, the business of the Senate at the present time.