

The scientists of Lawrence Livermore, Sandia, and Los Alamos are amongst the most brilliant, dedicated, patriotic and creative people on Earth.

The contributions they have made to our nation's national security are too numerous to count.

In recent years, I have had two Fellows from Lawrence Livermore, Larry Ferderber and Bob Perret, serve in my personal office. They both did exceptional work for me, for Nevada, and for our nation. They both served me very well for many years.

It is a shame that the highest levels of leadership at DOE and at Livermore have not served their employees and the American people with equal distinction.

Mr. President, I yield the Floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask to speak for 30 seconds.

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

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I thank Senator REID for his comments and his cooperation. We still have a few days to go. The picture presented with reference to the nondefense portion of this bill, in particular, is absolutely true. I cannot figure why the House and Senate in their overall scope of allocating money continue to underallocate for nondefense when Senators and House Members probably request more of us in the nondefense part of this bill than any bill, except perhaps the interior appropriations bill.

The Senator mentions 1,000 requests. Those have to do with projects or programs or activities for dams that are clearly within reason as things we should do. I am working hard and will continue to work hard to try to get additional allocation before we complete the conference. I hope we can. Obviously if we cannot, with what the House has appropriated this will be a bad overall result for the nondefense

part of the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Mr. REID. I hope we can get a bill that we can send to the President, recognizing that it is a bill that he will sign. I hope we can do that. We have a commitment from the chairman of the full committee, Senator STEVENS, that he will work with us. Knowing his tenacity, I am confident we will be able to come up with something that is appropriate.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2000.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:26 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 6, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.