

have coal, we are developing the cleanest of coal technology so you can use that, be a nonpolluter and grow.

I think it makes a lot of sense. I am pleased to have thought it through a little bit and to have spoken to it a couple times. The Senator can tell I might have spoken about it one time or another. Yes, I have. It is a pretty good message to be accompanying an energy and water bill if, in fact, this bill is supposed to be doing something about the energy crisis.

We have discussed the approach that there might be something in America that says it is good enough for an America of the future and an America that can help lead the world in the future. I yield the floor.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased to rise today in support of S. 1171, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2002.

The Senate bill provides \$24.96 billion in discretionary budget authority, which will result in new outlays in 2002 of \$16.2 billion. When outlays from prior-year budget authority are taken into account, discretionary outlays for the Senate bill total \$24.7 billion in 2002. Of that total, \$15.2 billion in budget authority and \$14.9 billion in outlays is for defense spending. The Senate bill is within its Section 302(b) allocations for budget authority and outlays for both general purpose and defense spending. Further, the committee has met its target without the use of any emergency designations.

I again commend Chairman BYRD and Senator STEVENS for their bipartisan effort in moving this and other appropriations bills quickly to make up for the late start in this year's appropriations process. I also commend subcommittee Chairman REID and Senator DOMENICI for not only bringing this important measure to the floor within its allocation, but also for providing significant additional resources above the President's request for both the Department of Energy's Atomic Energy Defense Programs, which will help dramatically reduce the threat of proliferation of nuclear warheads, materials, and expertise in the former Soviet Union, and for renewable energy resources, which will help ensure an energy portfolio that balances the Nation's long-term needs for both energy and the environment. I hope all Senators will join me in thanking our able colleagues from Nevada and New Mexico for their vision and good work.

I urge the adoption of the bill.

I ask unanimous consent that a table displaying the Budget Committee scoring of this bill be inserted in the RECORD at this point.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1171, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, 2002; SPENDING COMPARISONS—SENATE REPORTED BILL

[In millions of dollars]

	General purpose	Defense	Mandatory	Total
Senate-reported bill:				
Budget Authority	9,713	15,247	0	24,960
Outlays	9,782	14,908	0	24,690
Senate 302(b) allocation:¹				
Budget Authority	9,713	15,247	0	24,960
Outlays	24,916	0	0	24,916
House-passed:				
Budget Authority	9,670	14,034	0	23,740
Outlays	9,806	14,122	0	23,928
President's request:				
Budget Authority	9,003	13,514	0	22,517
Outlays	9,336	13,758	0	23,094
SENATE-REPORTED BILL COMPARED TO:				
Senate 302(b) allocation:¹				
Budget Authority	0	0	0	0
Outlays	(226)	0	0	(226)
House-passed:				
Budget Authority	43	1,213	0	1,256
Outlays	(24)	786	0	762
President's request:				
Budget Authority	710	1,733	0	2,443
Outlays	446	1,150	0	1,596

¹The 2002 budget resolution includes a "firewall" in the Senate between defense and nondefense spending. Because the firewall is for budget authority only, the appropriations committee did not provide a separate allocation for defense outlays. This table combines defense and nondefense outlays together as "general purpose" for purposes of comparing the Senate-reported outlays with the subcommittee's allocation.

Notes.—Details may not add to totals due to rounding. For enforcement purposes, the Budget Committee compares the Senate-reported bill to the Senate 302(b) allocation.

LAKE BOND

Mr. HUTCHINSON. I would like to thank the Senator for his support of continued funding for a small flood control project for Bono, Arkansas, which is very important to me. I appreciate his efforts to help me secure language in the statement of managers which would fund this project under the section 205 small flood control projects program.

Mr. DOMENICI. I say to my good friend from Arkansas that I understand the situation in Arkansas and the reason for his amendment. I am happy to support report language which will take care of this project in place of the Senate voting on your amendment.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. I thank the ranking member and I also thank the honorable chairman, Senator REID, for his help with this vital flood control project.

I withdraw my amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES—H.R. 333

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent, with respect to H.R. 333, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with no intervening action.

There being no objection, the Presiding Officer appointed Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KYL, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. MCCONNELL conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

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

COMMENDING ELIZABETH LETCHWORTH

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, earlier today both the Democratic and Republican Conferences unanimously passed resolutions which I believe ought to be made part of the RECORD at this point during the business of the Senate.

I ask unanimous consent that both resolutions by read at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will read the Democratic resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

RESOLUTION COMMENDING ELIZABETH LETCHWORTH

Whereas Elizabeth Letchworth has served the Senate for over 25 years serving as both Secretary for the Majority and Secretary for the Minority;

Whereas she has worked for, and with, 6 different Majority Leaders;

Whereas, though she has worked for our colleagues on the other side of the aisle, her assistance, over the years, to members of the Democratic conference has often been appreciated.

Whereas her institutional memory, unflappable demeanor, and good humor will be missed by Senators and staff alike on both sides of the aisle: Now therefore be it

Resolved by the Democratic Conference, That Elizabeth Letchworth is to be commended and thanked for her many years of service to the Senate and wishes her, and her husband Ron, all the best in the years to come.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the Republican resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT OF ELIZABETH LETCHWORTH

Whereas Elizabeth B. Letchworth has served this conference ably and honorably for over 25 years;

Whereas in 1995 she was elected as the Secretary for the Majority becoming the first woman to hold this post;

Whereas during her service she has assisted all members of this Republican Conference with diligence and professionalism;

Whereas her knowledge of the Senate rules and Institutional history has been a valuable asset to all Members: Now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Republican Conference extends its sincere thanks to Elizabeth B. Letchworth for her service for over 25 years and wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I thank Senator DASCHLE for allowing me to comment on these resolutions. I would like to begin by thanking the Democratic caucus for doing this. This is a

very magnanimous gesture and I know it is being done because of appreciation for the job that our floor assistants do, but specifically for the job that has been done over many, many years by Elizabeth Letchworth. She protects the institution. She loves the institution. She works not only with Republicans but, as your resolution says, with Democrats too, Senators on both sides of the aisle, collectively and individually. So we in the Republican Conference appreciate the generosity of your resolution and the fact that you did that.

We did one also. But I must confess, when I made the announcement that she would be leaving after 25 years, there was a very strong round of boos and objections to the whole idea. I said: My colleagues, this is not in the form of a motion; this is an announcement of a decision that has been made by a friend and loved one—to which they stood and applauded, unanimously thanking her for her dedication and professionalism.

I believe later on we will have a resolution on behalf of the entire Senate at a time when we will notify all of our colleagues that it would be appropriate for them to come to the floor and express their appreciation. I know she has a special relationship with Senator BYRD, for instance, because she not only knows his love of the institution but respects his knowledge of the rules and his insistence that we comply with them, sometimes when we are a little bit derelict in doing that. So we will have that opportunity to speak further. At that time, I will go into great detail about her Senate service.

We all know she has been part of the institution for 25 years. It is hard to believe, looking at her, that she has been here 25 years. It is obvious, Senator BYRD, that she was very young when she started working for the Senate—and that in fact is true. She came here, I believe, as a page, working for then-Senator Hugh Scott from Pennsylvania. I know she did a great job there.

Over the years she has worked in the Cloakroom, worked as a floor assistant, worked for Senator Baker, Senator Dole, and for me when I was majority leader and when I was minority leader. She has served so well as the Secretary for the Majority since 1995 and Secretary for the Minority for the past few weeks. She has just done an outstanding job.

I appreciate her knowledge of the rules, but I also appreciate her determination to make sure we conduct ourselves appropriately, knowing what the rules are. We have been through some tough times while she has been here, both in the majority and the minority. We did the historic impeachment trial for only the second time in history, and I think we did it in a way that was appropriate. We complied with our re-

sponsibility under the Constitution. We did it in a reasonable period of time, and we tried to make sure we did it in a respectful way and a fair way for all concerned. That took a lot of time, a lot of effort by our floor assistants, by all of our staff members.

But beyond her knowledge is just the fact that she is a very fine person. I have grown to appreciate her, love her, admire her—as a member of the family, if you will. I must say she has shown great, great wisdom because in the husband to whom she is married she chose one with a Mississippi background, so she truly became even further a member of the family by making that wise decision.

They have plans for the future that include a little more free time, not quite as many nights here in the Senate Chamber, 6 or 7 or 9 or so on a Thursday night, but also, hopefully, some business investments that will be a great success—just, most importantly, some personal time.

To Elizabeth Letchworth and to Ron I offer my most sincere appreciation personally and the appreciation of the Senate Republican Conference.

Again, my thanks to Senator DASCHLE and our Democratic colleagues for their gesture in their resolution also.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I think the distinguished Republican leader has spoken for all of us in expressing his affection and his gratitude for a very special person. This will not be our farewell speech. We will give that later as it accompanies an official Senate resolution that I am certain will be offered on a bipartisan basis by the two leaders and perhaps with the cosponsorship of others but certainly with the unanimous, enthusiastic support of the entire Senate. But we take the floor this afternoon to acknowledge the decision Elizabeth has made and to call attention to that decision and to express our gratitude and our deep affection for a person to whom we have turned, on both sides of the aisle, on countless occasions.

I have been leader now for about 7 years. I have had the good fortune of working with Elizabeth all 7 of those years. But that is just less than a third of the time she has worked in various capacities in this Chamber.

She has served the Senate, not just the Republican caucus but the Senate, so admirably, so professionally, so capably that it goes without saying that on occasions such as this it is a heartfelt gesture for us to pass a resolution as we did in the caucus this afternoon.

I might say, even though she wasn't there, there was rousing applause after the resolution passed, with the hope that she might have heard it even though she wasn't in the room.

Isaac Bassett was the second page to serve in the Senate. He was Daniel Webster's choice as a page. He served here for a long period of time, over a half a century. Isaac Bassett wrote prodigiously about his experiences and never rose to a level any higher than Assistant Doorkeeper. Isaac Bassett would talk about his remarkable view of history. To read his notes is to read history in the first person. I think Elizabeth could write notes in the first person about the history she has witnessed, as Senator LOTT has noted.

She could write history that I am sure would enlighten all of us. I am sure it would be every bit as valuable to future historians and future citizens a hundred years from now as Isaac Bassett's notes are to me today. Regardless of how much history she writes, she should know that she has helped make history. She has been a witness to history. As she has witnessed history, and as she has made it, she has done it in a way that will make her family and future generations very proud.

Today, rather than saying farewell, we simply say that we admire her, and we are grateful to her not only for what she has done but for what she will continue to do here in the Senate for the next few weeks and beyond as she serves in other roles and recognizes the importance of being a member of the family that goes beyond the Senate.

I yield the floor.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I received late word of this little seance and wanted to make sure that I was present to thank our friend who is retiring.

My first father-in-law said that English is the only language in which that word means other than go to bed. I am glad to know that Elizabeth is going on to another career and a beautiful place in the country. And I am here to wish her very well.

I can remember the various steps of her employment in the Senate. At each level she has excelled and deserved the promotions she has gotten. But above all, Catherine and I will remember the trips that she and her husband have taken with us as she represented the Senate so well as one of our officers.

I have no prepared remarks. I heard the leaders' very kind remarks. I join with both leaders in wishing you well and expressing our sadness that you are leaving because you have been really one of the Senate in terms of your services here. We will miss you very much.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia is recognized.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, as one who has served with Elizabeth for these long years now, I will have something to say on another day about that service and about my feeling toward her.