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. 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 $10.5 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:

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the record that the following 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

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT OF ELIZABETH LETCHWORTH
very magnanimous gesture and I know it is being done because of appreciation for the job that our floor assistants do, but also for 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 resolution and it is not 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 for 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. 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 responsibilities under the Constitution. We did it in a reasonable period of time, and we tried to make sure we did it in a way that would be appropriate 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, and 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. I have loved the 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 severed on the basis of the two leaders and perhaps 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 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 at the Senate that night, 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 longer than any other page for a half a century. Isaac Bassett wrote pro- digiously 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 real- ly 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. POMPEO. Mr. President, 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.