

was Sunday, we went up to \$11 billion. And for the 15th day, just so we all understand where we are here, we are now up to \$12,441,600,000, just for 15 days that have expired since we started this debate, above the \$4.8 trillion baseline that we started with.

I just want everybody to understand that, while we are fiddling, Washington is burning with deficits that are going up and up and up every day. That is why this balanced budget amendment is so important.

I would have felt badly if we had gone through this whole day without putting up our balanced budget amendment tracker.

With that, I yield back the remaining time and hope we can go to the vote.

#### AUTHORIZING BIENNIAL EXPENDITURES BY COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMPSON). Under the previous order, the hour of 5 o'clock having arrived, the clerk will report Senate Resolution 73, the committee funding resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 73) authorizing biennial expenditures by the committees of the Senate.

The Senate resumed consideration of the resolution.

#### VOTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question occurs on the adoption of the resolution. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. LOTT. I announce that the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. FAIRCLOTH], the Senator from Texas [Mr. GRAMM], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] would vote "yea."

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from Georgia [Mr. NUNN] is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 91, nays 2, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 64 Leg.]

#### YEAS—91

Abraham	Cochran	Grams
Akaka	Cohen	Grassley
Ashcroft	Conrad	Gregg
Baucus	Coverdell	Harkin
Bennett	Craig	Hatch
Biden	Daschle	Hatfield
Bingaman	DeWine	Heflin
Bond	Dodd	Hollings
Boxer	Dole	Hutchison
Bradley	Domenici	Inhofe
Breaux	Dorgan	Inouye
Brown	Exon	Jeffords
Bryan	Feingold	Johnston
Bumpers	Feinstein	Kassebaum
Burns	Ford	Kempthorne
Byrd	Frist	Kennedy
Campbell	Glenn	Kerrey
Chafee	Gorton	Kerry
Coats	Graham	Kohl

Kyl	Murkowski	Sarbanes
Lautenberg	Murray	Shelby
Leahy	Nickles	Simon
Levin	Packwood	Smith
Lieberman	Pell	Snowe
Lott	Pressler	Stevens
Lugar	Pryor	Thomas
Mack	Reid	Thompson
McConnell	Robb	Thurmond
Mikulski	Rockefeller	Wellstone
Moseley-Braun	Roth	
Moynihan	Santorum	

#### NAYS—2

Helms McCain

#### NOT VOTING—7

D'Amato Nunn Warner  
Faircloth Simpson  
Gramm Specter

So the resolution (S. Res. 73) was agreed to, as follows:

(The resolution was not available for printing. It will appear in a future edition of the RECORD.)

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for not to exceed 5 minutes each.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, 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.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. DON NEEL

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Don Neel of Owensboro, who was honored last week with the 1994 Physician's Award for Best Notifiable Disease Reporter by the Kentucky Department of Health Services.

The department recognized Dr. Neel for his longstanding support of community health, particularly his efforts to contain the outbreak of an acute infectious disease last fall.

Reginald Finger, M.D., chief epidemiologist for the department of health services, presented the award at Dr. Neel's Owensboro office.

"Dr. Neel represents the very essence of public health in his efforts to detect potential health hazards and then prevent the spread of these diseases to others," Finger said in his presentation. He noted that without Dr. Neel's early actions last fall, many more children would have come down with shigellosis. "Dr. Neel is being honored for that and more—throughout his career, he has been a strong supporter and partner of the local health department in Owensboro. Dr. Neel's career has been characterized by an

unending zeal to improve the health and well being of children—all children," he said.

This award from the department of health services recognizes someone who has made outstanding contributions in public health, specifically reporting diagnosed diseases to the local health department.

Last October, Daviess County experienced an unusual outbreak of shigellosis, which is an acute infection of the intestine. This disease can be particularly dangerous for small children. To date, 74 cases have been diagnosed.

Upon identifying the first few cases of shigellosis, Dr. Neel immediately contacted the health department to alert public health officials of a possible community outbreak. Working with the health department and the Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital, he coordinated efforts to have people tested and treated for the disease.

Education sessions were held at several schools, preschools, and day care centers to help prevent the disease through thorough hand washing.

Lenna Elder, R.N., of the Daviess County Health Center, attributed Dr. Neel's early action to his sincere interest in the community and well-being of children.

"The health department's goal is to help maintain a healthy community so that everybody is well," Elder said. "Dr. Neel has always been cooperative and very helpful in helping us meet that goal. He has always asked, 'How can I help you?' We know that he is truly only a phone call away."

Long active in Owensboro's community life, Dr. Neel is a graduate of Owensboro High School and received his medical degree from the University of Kentucky. He has had a private pediatric practice in Owensboro since 1970 and is chief of pediatrics at the Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital.

He served on the Daviess County board of health from 1980 to 1991, the Green River district board of health from 1980 to 1986 and was part-time health officer for the Daviess County Health Center.

He lives with his wife, Faye, in Owensboro. He is the father of two and has three grandchildren.

#### CONCERNING DR. HENRY W. FOSTER, JR.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues the excellent column which appeared in this morning's Washington Post by Dr. Henry Foster, President Clinton's nominee for surgeon general, entitled "Why I Want To Be Surgeon General."

I support this sterling nominee. He brings the right professional credentials. He has an extraordinary life history and record. Dr. Foster has devoted years to maternal and child health, and he is dedicated to the prevention of