

The legislation of course does have redeeming features. One of the most significant, to my mind, is the prohibition on acceptance of elaborate and luxurious recreational trips at lobbyists' expense.

And the basic intent of the legislation certainly is praiseworthy, namely to remove extraneous and improper influence, when it does occur, from the legislative process.

Finally, I would applaud the fine sense of compromise that prevailed in winning approval of the legislation without time consuming and acrimonious debate. For that, the Senate and the Nation are better off.

VOICE ON AMENDMENT NO. 1872, AS MODIFIED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the substitute amendment offered by Senator MCCAIN, No. 1872.

Mr. LEVIN. Madam President, before that, I am just going to spend 30 seconds to clarify a point on the request of Senator JOHNSTON, if I have time. He has asked a question about hospitality at an embassy, at a chancellery. I wanted to assure him and the body, at his request, that the personal hospitality exception is intended to cover such hospitality at embassies and chancelleries.

Madam President, I want to pay particular tribute to Linda Gustitus and Peter Levine of my staff.

Night after night, week after week, month after month, they successfully pulled ideas into workable solutions in both lobby reform and gift reform. What a week of political reform these two great staffers helped produce. How much this Senate and this Nation and I personally owe them.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the McCain amendment No. 1872.

The amendment (No. 1872), as modified, as amended, was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

SENATE GIFT REFORM

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 158) to provide for Senate gift reform.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCAIN. Madam President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

Mr. DOLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. DOLE. I congratulate all of my colleagues involved in these negotiations. I think we have a good bill, one that we can be proud of, that has been brought about by bipartisan consensus and negotiation. I think this is one issue we want to get behind us. We have done that with what I think will be a unanimous vote. We promised to complete this action by today, and we have done that. We have also taken care of lobbying reform. I thank the Senator from Michigan, the Senator from Arizona, the Senator from Wisconsin, the Senator from Kentucky, Senator BREAU, Senator WELLSTONE, Senator JOHNSTON, Senator FEINGOLD, and many others who have been involved directly. It is always more difficult when it affects us. In my view, we have a good result and one that ought to be supported by everyone.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to Senate resolution 158.

The yeas and nays have been ordered.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. LOTT. I announce that the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 98, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 342 Leg.]

YEAS—98

Abraham	Feingold	Lugar
Akaka	Feinstein	Mack
Ashcroft	Ford	McCain
Baucus	Frist	McConnell
Bennett	Glenn	Mikulski
Biden	Gorton	Moseley-Braun
Bingaman	Graham	Moynihhan
Bond	Gramm	Murray
Boxer	Grams	Nickles
Bradley	Grassley	Nunn
Breaux	Gregg	Packwood
Brown	Harkin	Pell
Bryan	Hatch	Pressler
Bumpers	Hatfield	Pryor
Burns	Heflin	Reid
Byrd	Helms	Robb
Campbell	Hollings	Rockefeller
Chafee	Hutchison	Roth
Coats	Inouye	Santorum
Cochran	Jeffords	Sarbanes
Cohen	Johnston	Shelby
Conrad	Kassebaum	Simon
Coverdell	Kempthorne	Simpson
Craig	Kennedy	Smith
D'Amato	Kerrey	Snowe
Daschle	Kerry	Specter
DeWine	Kohl	Stevens
Dodd	Kyl	Thomas
Dole	Lautenberg	Thompson
Domenici	Leahy	Thurmond
Dorgan	Levin	Warner
Exon	Lieberman	Wellstone
Faircloth	Lott	

NOT VOTING—2

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So the resolution (S. Res. 158) was agreed to.

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

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

MEASURE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED—S. 1061

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces that S. 1061 is indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. DOLE. Madam President, the American people sent us a message last November. A lot of us might prefer to think that message was directed to the executive branch alone. But part of that message was directed to Congress. The American people want a Congress accountable to them, and them alone. The American people want us to rein in our appetites and to take the steps necessary to correct the perception that Congress suffers from an arrogance that shields it from the dramatic changes sweeping this country.

I am pleased that we have responded, and I am pleased that we have done so in a bipartisan manner. The very first legislation passed in this Congress was a requirement that Congress would henceforth live under the same laws that apply to everyone else. We have begun the hard task of living under a balanced budget just like most Americans do every day. Several days ago, we passed the next installment on reform legislation, legislation which reformed the way lobbyists do business in our Nation's Capital.

And, today, we have passed the next congressional reform package, one which directly confronts the concerns many Americans might have about how we conduct our business. Now, I think in most cases the problem of gifts to Members is one of perception. But I think respect for the institution of the Senate demands that we take the extra steps necessary to ensure that perceptions do not become reality. We have done that today.

I have in the past made clear that if it was necessary I would be prepared to eliminate all gifts—I do not go out to dinner with lobbyists. But I do not think anyone around here has cornered the market on integrity and the bipartisan package before us is a good balance of the need for reform and the need for common sense.

We certainly do not intend to place Members in the awkward position of refusing a gift of nominal value when addressing, say, the local Kiwanis Club, and situations like these are addressed in a reasonable way by this bipartisan package. If these reforms turn out to be insufficient, then we will tighten them up further.

I want to pay tribute to those on both sides of the aisle who worked so hard to resolve very real differences—Senators MCCAIN and LEVIN, in particular, who worked so hard to resolve these differences.

I would like to thank Senator LOTT for heading up a bipartisan task force that produced this gift reform package. He and his assistant, Alison Carroll, did a superb job. And, finally, I would like to thank Senator MCCONNELL, who was ably assisted by Melissa Patack,

for his leadership on yet another tough issue.

PRESIDING OFFICER NOT BOUND BY PRECEDENCE ON APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

Mr. DOLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that in the future the Presiding Officer not be bound by the precedence established on March 16, 1985, regarding legislation on an appropriations bill.

Mr. FORD. Madam President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DOLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KYL). Without objection, it is so ordered.

FOREIGN RELATIONS REVITALIZATION ACT

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now turn to S. 908, the State Department revitalization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 1996 through 1999 and to abolish the United States Information Agency, the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the Agency for International Development, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on S. 908, the State Department reorganization bill:

Senators Dan Coats, Spencer Abraham, Nancy Kassebaum, Rick Santorum, Jesse Helms, Judd Gregg, Rod Grams, Olympia Snowe, Bob Dole, Thad Cochran, Paul Coverdell, Larry Craig, Phil Gramm, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Dan Nickles, and Trent Lott.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 31, the Senate resume consideration of S. 908, the State Department revitalization bill.

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

VITIATION OF CLOTURE MOTION—S. 908

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the previous cloture motion to proceed to S. 908 be vitiated.

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

THE SENATE PROGRAM

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I might say to all Senators that the Senate will resume consideration of the State Department revitalization bill at 2 p.m. on Monday.

Any rollcall votes will not occur prior to 6 p.m. on Monday.

I might also say that somebody who wants to debate only the State Department bill can do so this afternoon if they cannot be here Monday. It might be a good opportunity for opening statements which they want to make, or some statement about some amendment and a discussion about one of their amendments.

I have also visited with both the minority Democratic whip and the Democratic leader. And I think we should put all Senators on notice that there probably will be a Saturday session a week from tomorrow.

We have a lot to do. We would like get out of here as quickly as we can in August. We are not going to make the August 4 recess, but beginning maybe sometime later in August.

That is what we will know for certain on Monday. But I want to put Senators on notice that there could be a Saturday session on August 5. So all Senators should be on notice.

It is my hope that we will be on with the welfare reform maybe late Friday night and, if we should get bogged down on the State Department revitalization bill and unable to get cloture on the bill itself, if it seems likely we will not get cloture on the second, then I think we would move to the DOD authorization bill where I understand that could be finished in perhaps 2½ days.

Upon completion of that, it would be my intention to try to work out—in fact, before we complete—if we can work out some dual-track procedure, which we have done in the past, where we consider appropriations bills after a certain time each day because the appropriators are very anxious that we complete at least six appropriations bills before we start the recess. We have completed two. I understand one conference has been completed on the legislative appropriations. We will take up the conference report next week.

Energy and water is available now. But there are some problems we are trying to work out. There may be as many as three others before Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

So I just say to my colleagues that on Monday there will be no votes until

6 p.m., but I assume there will be votes at 6 p.m., and then we are in for probably long nights and maybe a Saturday session next week. And we will be in all of the following week.

Mr. FORD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky is recognized.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, let me thank the distinguished majority leader for giving us the advance notice so that we can make arrangements for Saturday, August 5, and expect to be here to debate and vote on Saturday. Then we would be back at 9 o'clock probably on Monday, and continue our effort, whether it is welfare reform or whatever the distinguished majority leader wishes to bring up.

I thank him for giving us this advanced warning. I think all have expected that Saturday, August 5, would be used. And I think it is a wise use of time by letting us out tomorrow and then coming back.

So I thank him for that.

Mr. President, we are now in the period of morning business in which each Senator has 5 minutes. Is that is correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is correct.

LOBBYING REFORM AND GIFT BAN

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, as we finish up on the important piece of legislation, the lobbying reform and the gift ban, I want to take a minute to thank the many people who worked to produce a significant step toward restoring confidence in this institution.

And it clearly would not have been possible without the leadership of the distinguished Democratic leader, Senator DASCHLE.

I want to thank him for placing his confidence in me to chair the working group—a task which I shared equally with my cochair Senator LEVIN, and whom I want to extend a special thanks, along with his most capable staff. Our job was made infinitely more easy by the considerable amount of hard work, time, and effort the working group and their staffs dedicated to making this process work. That group include Senators WELLSTONE, FEINGOLD, LAUTENBERG, ROCKEFELLER, BREAU, DODD, and REID. And I offer my thanks and congratulations for a job well done to them and their staffs.

I also want to commend my colleague, the Majority Whip TRENT LOTT, whose leadership and hard-working staff helped bring cooperation and closure to this issue. Because of the hard work of all of these people, I think we now have a piece of legislation that all who participated in can be proud of and will have a stake in.

Before I close, I do want to say that this reform is a step in—not an end to—the process of reforming Congress and of making this an institution that inspires confidence and pride from all Americans.

Tickets to a concern, a ball game, or an occasional lunch or dinner raise the