

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,