

amendment of the Senator from Wisconsin and take an amendment from the Senator from Iowa. But we need to find other amendments. And we have had a five-hour delay here, rain delay, that is not the fault of the managers. So we have lost five hours. So they would like to make up some of that time tonight.

If we cannot find any amendments, we need, in fairness, to let our colleagues know. If we cannot find amendments, we need to have our colleagues know whether we can have a roll call, and at what time. So maybe the managers can take a quick check and let the leaders know, so we can advise our forces.

Mr. DASCHLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I urge Democratic Senators to come to the floor. We have a whole series of amendments that ought to be debated. This is prime time and a very important opportunity. I hope we will not let it go to waste. There are Senators who have expressed their interest in amending this bill, and they ought to come to the floor to offer these amendments.

I urge Cloakrooms to encourage Senators to come to the floor at their earliest convenience.

Mr. FEINGOLD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, will the distinguished Senator yield to me without losing his right to the floor?

Mr. FEINGOLD. I yield to the Senator from West Virginia.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO DARIUS JAMES FATEMI, Ph.D.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, Plato thanked the gods for having been born a man and for having been born a Greek and for having been born during the age of Sophocles. I thank the benign hand of destiny for allowing me to live to see one of my grandsons become a Ph.D. in physics.

On yesterday, Darius James Fatemi was given his Ph.D. in physics. Seneca is reported to have said that a good mind possesses a kingdom. Disraeli said, upon the education of our youth, the fate of the country depends. Emerson said that the true test of civilization is not the census nor the size of cities nor the crops—no, but the kind of man the country turns out.

You can imagine, those of you who are grandparents, and those of you who may not yet be grandparents, the pride which I share with my wife, Erma, in feeling that we have, indeed, contributed to this great country a new physicist, a doctor of physics.

Darius was named after Darius the Great, who became King of Persia upon the neigh of a horse. Darius James Fatemi did not get his doctorate by the neigh of a horse.

We are grateful that the good Lord has blessed us with wonderful grand-

children, and this is the first Ph.D. in our line. I suppose if we all look back far enough, may I say to the distinguished majority leader and to my colleagues, we would find somewhere in our ancestry a slave—the Greeks, the Persians, the Romans, other peoples of antiquity owned slaves. And so we may have an ancestor who was a slave. At the same time, we may have an ancestor who was a king. But as far as I know, this is the first Ph.D. in my line, and I thank the good Lord for that.

I thank all Senators for listening.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. REID addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin holds the floor.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask my friend from Wisconsin to withhold.

Mr. FEINGOLD. I yield without losing my right to the floor.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Debbie Allen, a congressional fellow assigned to my office, be assigned privilege of the floor during pendency of the legislation now before the Senate.

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

The Senator from Wisconsin is recognized.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2082

(Purpose: Sense-of-the-Senate resolution regarding Federal spending)

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] proposes an amendment numbered 2082.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

#### SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING FEDERAL SPENDING.

It is the sense of the Senate that in pursuit of a balanced federal budget, Congress should exercise fiscal restraint, particularly in authorizing spending not requested by the Executive and in proposing new programs.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, will the Senator yield for 10 seconds to get some people on the floor?

Mr. FEINGOLD. Yes, I yield.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Jack Kennedy and Floyd DesChamps, who are currently serving fellowship assignments on Senator McCain's staff, be granted the privilege of the floor during the Senate's consideration of S.

1026, the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The Senator from Wisconsin.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, this is a simple sense-of-the-Senate amendment stating that Congress should exercise self-restraint in authorizing and appropriating funds for all Federal spending, including defense spending, especially in cases where the spending has not been requested by the applicable agency in the first place or is not directly related to national security needs.

I will just speak very briefly, because I understand the managers intend to accept this, but I do want to make a brief point about it.

I think every Member of this body is aware of the problem this sense-of-the-Senate is intended to address. Congress passed a budget resolution a short time ago that called for increased defense spending over the next few years of more than \$58 million. We ought to understand that just because there is room in the budget resolution to spend that extra money, it does not mean that Congress has to or is forced to spend it on projects that are either unnecessary or not directly related to national security interests.

In recent weeks, the reports, Mr. President, have been increasing. Media reports have documented what they have called a business-as-usual attitude in Washington, DC, as many of these so-called reformers have gotten in line not to decrease but to add defense spending for weapons systems that our military people have not even asked for. Why? Because the weapons systems are built in their districts or their home States. That is the simple answer.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that an article from the Monday, July 31, Washington Post, entitled "Extra Pentagon Funds Benefit Senators' States," be printed in the RECORD.

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

[From the Washington Post, July 31, 1995]

EXTRA PENTAGON FUNDS BENEFIT SENATORS' STATES

(By Dana Priest)

While Republicans talk about a revolution in the way government spends taxpayer money, in at least one area, according to a new study, the GOP is now the keeper of a decades-old bipartisan tradition: funneling Defense Department dollars to businesses back home.

Of the \$5 billion in weapons spending that the Senate Armed Services Committee added on to President Clinton's budget request, 81 percent would go to states represented by senators who sit on the committee or on the Appropriations defense subcommittee.

This includes \$1.4 billion for an amphibious assault ship built by Ingalls Shipbuilding, a huge employer in Sen. Trent Lott's state of Mississippi and partial funding of \$650 million for two Aegis destroyers built by Ingalls and Bath Iron Works in Sen. William S. Cohen's state of Maine. Republicans Lott