

week in Omaha. Your presence and remarks were the right touch to make it a really nice event for Chris. We have appreciated having him on the job.

I thought about you this week when my daughter brought home the enclosed set of rules about Internet use. She's a second grader at Sandoz School in Lexington. Her teacher, Dianne Yeutter, spent a considerable amount of time with the children on the proper use of the Internet.

Maybe all segments of the nation don't appreciate the seriousness of the Internet pornography problem, but people like you and I with children and grandchildren certainly understand it very well. Thank for all your time and effort working on the problem.

Sincerely,

CHARLIE BROGAN,
President, N-B-A.

Internet is fun and helpful when we need to research information for reports. However, we are concerned about certain things. Don't use the Internet unless you know what you're doing and where you're going. We not only have to ask Mrs. Yeutter permission to use the Internet but she always asks where we're going. She is in the room when we use Internet. One or two clicks of the mouse can be powerful. They can take you places where you shouldn't go. For example, you can get into big trouble by buying stuff you don't want. You can click into things that are inappropriate for kids and adults. Sometimes the words we read are hard to pronounce and understand.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The Senate continued with the consideration of the concurrent resolution. Mr. DOMENICI addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. DOMENICI. We do not need the quorum call because Senator THOMPSON is ready.

Mr. THOMPSON addressed the Chair.

Mr. EXON. I withhold my request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator withholds his request for a quorum call.

The Senator from Tennessee is seeking recognition?

AMENDMENT NO. 3981

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I call up amendment 3981.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is now before the Senate.

(The text of the amendment No. 3981 was printed in the RECORD of May 20, 1996.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, this amendment reserves the Presidential election campaign fund checkoff system as it is today. The budget resolution instructions direct the Finance Committee to terminate the current checkoff system which funds the Presidential campaign fund. In its place, the Finance Committee is directed to allow taxpayers to make a voluntary contribution to the fund out of their tax refund, should they have one.

This provision in the budget resolution will effectively terminate this

post-Watergate reform. It is a system that has worked better than any of the rest of our campaign finance system, which is of great concern to many people. I do not think it is wise to single out the system and the part of it that is working the best and do away with it.

It has been scandal free. It has made for a more level playing field. Three out of the last four challengers to incumbent Presidents have won.

The next question is, what do we replace it with if, in fact, this is the demise of the current system? Do we go back to pre-Watergate?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time of the Senator has expired.

Mr. THOMPSON. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, how much time do I have?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky has 30 seconds.

Mr. McCONNELL. I will take the same 30 seconds Senator THOMPSON had.

Mr. DOMENICI. I yield time in opposition, and we will be generous with the 30 seconds.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. A long 30 seconds.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, this is a vote about whether you want to take roughly \$300 million over a 4-year period out of financing political conventions and political campaigns for President of the United States and apply it to the deficit. The beauty of this proposal of the Budget Committee is that it does not end the Presidential checkoff at all. I personally would like to end it. I think it is a terrible idea to have taxpayer funding of elections. But the proposal of the Budget Committee does not do that. All it says is, when you check off on your tax return every April 15, you really pay for it. It is only \$3, and I am confident that those who believe that taxpayer funding of political campaigns is a good idea will be more than happy to contribute \$3 to this fund.

Under the current system the participation in the checkoff has gone from 29 percent down to 13 percent, and that is when it does not even cost the person checking off any money. This is just truth in advertising. If you check off, you pay for it.

I close by saying it saves \$300 million, adds that to deficit reduction, and allows people to really pay for the voluntary checkoff.

I hope the Thompson amendment will be defeated.

Mr. DOMENICI. Does the Senator want the yeas and nays on this? Senator THOMPSON will accept a voice vote.

Mr. THOMPSON. I will accept a voice vote.

Mr. McCONNELL. Yes.

Mr. THOMPSON. With the provision I could ask for a rollcall vote subsequently.

Mr. DOMENICI. I think you have the right to a rollcall vote in any event after a voice vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That will be before the Chair announces the result.

Mr. DOMENICI. If he does it before the Chair announces the result.

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

All in favor say aye. All those opposed, no.

The ayes appear to have it.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I call for the yeas and nays.

What was the ruling of the Chair? The ayes have it? I withdraw my request.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. First of all, I have to announce the result.

The ayes appear to have it. The ayes do have it.

The amendment is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 3981) was agreed to.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. DOMENICI. I apologize, Mr. President, I thought you had already ruled.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the motion to lay on the table is agreed to.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arkansas.

AMENDMENT NO. 4014

Mr. BUMPERS. Mr. President, the yeas and nays have been ordered on this amendment already.

This amendment, I say to my colleagues, is one with which you are all familiar. It is called the defense firewalls. What it says is, no matter how many epidemics, floods, typhoons, earthquakes, no matter how much of anything you have in this country, you may not take a dollar from the defense budget with less than 60 votes to put it over in something that is of a much more dire need.

In 1991, and 1992, we had defense firewalls. We took them down in 1993 and 1994. Nothing untoward happened. I am just offended what this does. It says that no matter what happens that defense may not be touched. No matter how bloated the defense budget may be, it says you cannot take a penny out of defense for any other purpose, no matter what the emergency is.

We are saying we do not trust the Senate; we do not trust the Senate with a 51-vote majority. If you want to take something out of defense, you have to get 60 votes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time of the Senator from Arkansas has expired.

Mr. DOMENICI addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, since the Senator says this offends him, I

might say, one man's offense is another man's exhilaration. I think the firewalls are the best thing we have ever done for the defense of our country. I think we ought to vote the amendment down.

Clearly, it is not as the Senator said. The Senate votes on whether it wants the defense budget. After you voted it, you cannot take away from it when you have pressure for domestic spending. That is the issue. For typhoons and disasters, it is another issue. The Budget Act clearly says you can break the budget for those kinds of items. If you have natural disasters, it does not mean you can take the money from the men and women in the military.

I move to table the amendment and 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 motion to lay on the table amendment No. 4014. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. LOTT. I announce that the Senator from Kansas [Mr. DOLE] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM] are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 57, nays 41, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 147 Leg.]

YEAS—57

Abraham	Frist	Lugar
Ashcroft	Glenn	Mack
Bennett	Gorton	McCain
Bond	Graham	McConnell
Brown	Gramm	Murkowski
Burns	Grams	Nickles
Campbell	Grassley	Nunn
Chafee	Gregg	Pressler
Coats	Hatch	Robb
Cochran	Heflin	Roth
Cohen	Helms	Shelby
Coverdell	Hutchison	Simpson
Craig	Inhofe	Smith
D'Amato	Jeffords	Snowe
DeWine	Kassebaum	Stevens
Domenici	Kempthorne	Thomas
Faircloth	Kyl	Thompson
Feinstein	Lieberman	Thurmond
Ford	Lott	Warner

NAYS—41

Akaka	Exon	Mikulski
Baucus	Feingold	Moseley-Braun
Biden	Harkin	Moynihan
Bingaman	Hatfield	Murray
Boxer	Hollings	Pell
Bradley	Inouye	Pryor
Breaux	Johnston	Reid
Bryan	Kennedy	Rockefeller
Bumpers	Kerrey	Sarbanes
Byrd	Kerry	Simon
Conrad	Kohl	Specter
Daschle	Lautenberg	Wellstone
Dodd	Leahy	Wyden
Dorgan	Levin	

NOT VOTING—2

Dole Santorum

The motion to lay on the table the amendment (No. 4014) was agreed to.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 4015

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, yesterday the Senate began voting on

amendments to the budget resolution at 9 a.m. and for the next 8½ hours, we cast 27 votes and voice-voted 7 other amendments. Out of the 34 amendments considered, 28 amendments—83 percent—were sense-of-the-Senate amendments. And 7 of the 27 rollcall votes—more than one out of four votes were unanimous 100-0.

Mr. President, these amendments are not binding; they do not shift a single dollar from one program to another. They merely allow both Republicans and Democrats to engage in strategies of gamesmanship which deceive the American people about our legislative business.

Enough is enough.

My amendment simply states that it shall not be in order for the Senate to consider sense-of-the-Senate resolutions during debate on the budget resolution.

I think we have reached the point where all of us would agree we have to abandon these unending, and meaningless, sense-of-the-Senate resolutions or at least require Senators to state on the floor and tell the American public that these amendments have no binding effect.

End this charade on the American public and vote to eliminate these amendments on budget resolutions.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, the Murkowski amendment would create a new point of order that would deprive the minority of its right to amend with the sense-of-the-Senate language. Under the amendment, the majority could report out any sense-of-the-Senate language it wanted, but no Senator could offer a sense-of-the-Senate amendment to change that language or add to it.

Mr. President, I yield back the balance of my time. I raise a point of order that the pending amendment is not germane and it violates section 305(b) of the Congressional Budget Act.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I move to waive section 305(b) of the Budget Act for the consideration of the Murkowski amendment 4015.

Parliamentary inquiry. Do I get an opportunity to speak on my motion?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Thirty seconds.

Mr. DOMENICI. Fellow Senators, I seldom move to violate the Budget Act, but it does say if you can get 60 votes you can do it. I believe the time has come to send a signal that we ought not have 40, 50, 60 sense-of-the-Senate resolutions on a Budget Act. That is what this will do. This will say we are not going to have them in the future. It treats everybody the same. We will just not have that kind of a spectacle on the floor.

Mr. EXON. I have 30 seconds. Mr. President, as I understand the procedure, it would require 60 votes to do what the Senator from New Mexico has just requested.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. To waive the Budget Act requires 60 votes.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I want to report to all Senators about

the ongoing episode of my statement yesterday about the dinner last night and my wife's position. So you will all know, my wife arrives, she wanted to be there very much and she brought a purse. In the purse was a bar of Dial soap. She suggested that maybe I should wash my mouth out with Dial soap. I have done that. I hope I have set everything straight. I misstated my wife's position, but it was all in fun, and she did the Dial soap for fun, too.

Mr. 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 motion to waive the Budget Act. 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 Kansas [Mr. DOLE] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM] are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 57, nays 41, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 148 Leg.]

YEAS—57

Abraham	Gramm	McCain
Ashcroft	Grams	McConnell
Bennett	Grassley	Murkowski
Bond	Gregg	Nickles
Burns	Hatch	Nunn
Byrd	Hatfield	Pressler
Campbell	Helms	Reid
Chafee	Hollings	Robb
Coats	Hutchison	Roth
Cochran	Inhofe	Shelby
Cohen	Jeffords	Simpson
Coverdell	Johnston	Smith
Craig	Kassebaum	Snowe
D'Amato	Kempthorne	Specter
DeWine	Kyl	Stevens
Faircloth	Lieberman	Thomas
Frist	Lott	Thompson
Glenn	Lugar	Thurmond
Gorton	Mack	Warner

NAYS—41

Akaka	Dorgan	Leahy
Baucus	Exon	Levin
Biden	Feingold	Mikulski
Bingaman	Feinstein	Moseley-Braun
Boxer	Ford	Moynihan
Bradley	Graham	Murray
Breaux	Harkin	Pell
Brown	Heflin	Pryor
Bryan	Inouye	Rockefeller
Bumpers	Kennedy	Sarbanes
Conrad	Kerrey	Simon
Daschle	Kerry	Wellstone
Dodd	Kohl	Wyden
Domenici	Lautenberg	

NOT VOTING—2

Dole Santorum

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I ask for the regular order.

Mr. President, I ask for the regular order.

Mr. President, I ask for the regular order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. We will proceed.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I ask for the regular order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any Senators still wishing to vote?

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I change my vote from "aye" to "no."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the ayes are 57, the nays are 41. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I enter a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to waive the budget act for the consideration of the Murkowski amendment was defeated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is entered for future consideration. However, the motion having failed to be approved at this time, the Chair will rule on the motion—on the point of order. The rights of Senators are reserved to move in the future to proceed to the motion to reconsider.

The Chair will rule at this time that the amendment is not germane. The point of order is sustained. The amendment falls at this time.

RECESS

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess until 2 p.m. today.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 1:13 p.m. recessed until 2:01 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer [Mr. THOMAS].

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The Senate continued with the consideration of the concurrent resolution.

AMENDMENT NO. 4016

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The pending question is the Simpson-Kerrey amendment No. 4016.

Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, how much time do I have to speak on this?

Mr. GRASSLEY. Thirty seconds.

Mr. KERREY. Thirty seconds.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska. Take it all.

Mr. KERREY. I do not expect to persuade a majority, Mr. President. This is an amendment that will have a tremendous impact on the future budget outlays and appropriations of this Congress. As everybody that has examined the facts knows, unless we make changes in these long-term entitlement programs, we are simply never either going to get into balance in 7 years, nor are we going to be able to sustain it out in the future. We are converting our Government into an ATM machine. The longer we wait, the sooner the day is going to arrive when there is no

money for defense, no money for anything other than transfer of payments.

As I said, I do not expect a majority to vote for a majority of these proposals in here, but I urge my colleagues to give very careful consideration to this amendment.

Mr. GRASSLEY addressed the Chair. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I oppose the Kerrey amendment. I do this because it states the sense of the Senate that the budget resolution assumes a series of long-term entitlement reforms, including reducing the CPI by one-half a percentage point each year, which would cut Social Security spending by about \$38 billion over the next 6 years, and it would increase taxes by about \$35 billion over that period.

The amendment also calls for increasing the retirement age for civilian and military retirees and Social Security and Medicare beneficiaries, COLA limits for very high civilian and military pensions, and partial privatization of Social Security.

On behalf of Senator DOMENICI, the chairman of the Budget Committee, I move to table the Kerrey amendment and ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to table the amendment. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. LOTT. I announce that the Senator from Kansas [Mr. DOLE] is necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 63, nays 36, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 149 Leg.]

YEAS—63

Abraham	Feingold	Mack
Akaka	Ford	McCain
Ashcroft	Glenn	McConnell
Baucus	Gorton	Mikulski
Biden	Graham	Moseley-Braun
Bingaman	Gramm	Murkowski
Bond	Grassley	Murray
Boxer	Harkin	Pressler
Burns	Hatch	Reid
Byrd	Heflin	Rockefeller
Campbell	Helms	Roth
Conrad	Hutchison	Sarbanes
Coverdell	Inhofe	Shelby
Craig	Inouye	Smith
D'Amato	Kempthorne	Snowe
Daschle	Kennedy	Specter
Dodd	Kerry	Stevens
Domenici	Kyl	Thurmond
Dorgan	Lautenberg	Warner
Exon	Leahy	Wellstone
Faircloth	Levin	Wyden

NAYS—36

Bennett	DeWine	Kerrey
Bradley	Feinstein	Kohl
Breaux	Frist	Lieberman
Brown	Grams	Lott
Bryan	Gregg	Lugar
Bumpers	Hatfield	Moynihan
Chafee	Hollings	Nickles
Coats	Jeffords	Nunn
Cochran	Johnston	Pell
Cohen	Kassebaum	Pryor

Robb	Simon	Thomas
Santorum	Simpson	Thompson

NOT VOTING—1

Dole

The motion to lay on the table the amendment (No. 4016) was agreed to.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The pending question is now amendment No. 4018.

Mr. EXON. Before we start charging time, could we have a little order here for the information of all the Senators?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Order in the Senate. The Senator may proceed.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I say to the chairman of the committee, according to our scoresheet we have seven amendments left that have been preagreed to for consideration and votes. Then there are some others that are still outstanding that we still have on the list. Of the seven that are still outstanding, waiting for a vote, and since we are cramped for time—I know there are three sense-of-the-Senate resolutions, one by Senator MCCAIN, one by Senator FAIRCLOTH, another one by Senator ROTH, all sense-of-the-Senate resolutions—and since all of those Senators voted against considering sense-of-the-Senate resolutions, I am wondering if they would like to, in good faith, withdraw their sense-of-the-Senate resolutions so that we can accomplish what they would like to do in addition to that.

Mr. MCCAIN. Since when is consistency a requirement?

Mr. EXON. Senators who have a sense of the Senate outstanding, they, too, want an expedited procedure. I say this is a good time to do that.

Mr. DOMENICI. We will make a trade with the Senator. We will reconsider this if you help us and vote for the reconsideration. In the future there will be no more—

Mr. FORD. No.

Mr. EXON. In the future? I would like to have done it now.

Mr. DOMENICI. That is what it was.

Mr. EXON. If we are going to consider sense-of-the-Senate resolutions, there are seven amendments that we know about, and three of those are sense-of-the-Senate resolutions.

AMENDMENT NO. 4018

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, could we have order? This is an amendment that has been worked on very hard by a lot of people. They deserve to be heard.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Could we have order so we can move forward? This is the amendment, the Chafee-Breaux amendment, and with 5 minutes of debate equally divided.

Mr. DOMENICI. A 10-minute vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Ten-minute vote.

Mr. CHAFEE. I ask that everybody please give their attention to the proposal we are making.