

EXECUTIVE SESSION

I want to inform our colleagues on both sides, if the cloture vote is passed, none of these amendments will be able to go on this bill. I do not have a problem myself, but I do think a lot of our colleagues will have a problem.

I hope that cloture is not invoked. It is also my hope, though, that we are going to be able to get this list down and people are going to drop amendments and that we are going to break this impasse between the Senator from New Jersey and the Senator from Texas. I hope that can be done and that we can move this bill forward.

It is also my view that a lot of these amendments, even those that look like they are going to take rollcall votes, are likely to disappear as the planes start flying out this afternoon. But if we do not get these unanimous consent requests, we are going to be here a long time, according to the majority leader, and we are going to be here tonight. So everyone should be on notice of that.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. LAUTENBERG addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I, too, want to see this bill moved. There has been a lot of hard and very thoughtful work that has gone into it. We are at a time when passage, or at least an attempt at passage, would be the best order of business.

Mr. President, this is the defense authorization bill. The effects of this bill begin on October 1 of this year. The results of the authorization that might pass here today will be put into place starting October 1, 1996, 4 months from now. So there is an urgency because of the amount of work that has gone into it.

My friend and colleague, the Senator from Georgia, and the floor manager, Senator MCCAIN, have worked very hard to get us to a point in time when action can be taken to resolve some differences. I would like that done. I feel badly that we are in this momentary state of suspension. When I hear from our friends on the other side that they want to work cooperatively, then I am prepared to move things along expeditiously.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

NOMINATION OF ALFRED C. DECOTIIS, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FIFTIETH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 529, Alfred C. DeCotiis, of New Jersey, to be a representative of the United States of America to the 50th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

I ask for immediate consideration of his nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Alfred C. DeCotiis, of New Jersey, to be a representative of the United States of America to the 50th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then immediately return to legislative session.

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

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Alfred C. DeCotiis, of New Jersey, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fiftieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Mr. NUNN. I thank the Senator from Arizona for working this out. That was a big roadblock. I appreciate his diligence in doing that.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that we return to consideration of the bill.

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

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

The Senate continued with consideration of the bill.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The assistant 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, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on Calendar No. 433, S. 1745, the Department of Defense authorization bill:

Trent Lott, Don Nickles, Dirk Kempthorne, Rod Grams, Jim Jeffords, Craig Thomas, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Christopher S. Bond, John Ashcroft, Conrad Burns, Judd Gregg, Larry Pressler, Orrin G. Hatch, Mitch McConnell, Hank Brown, Sheila Frahm.

VOTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The mandatory quorum call has been waived. The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on S. 1745, the Department of Defense authorization bill, shall be brought to a close? The yeas and nays are required.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HATFIELD] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] are necessarily absent.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BUMPERS] are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 53, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 181 Leg.]

YEAS—53

Abraham	Frist	McConnell
Ashcroft	Gorton	Murkowski
Bennett	Gramm	Nickles
Bond	Grams	Pell
Brown	Grassley	Pressler
Burns	Gregg	Roth
Campbell	Hatch	Santorum
Chafee	Helms	Shelby
Coats	Hollings	Simpson
Cochran	Hutchison	Smith
Cohen	Jeffords	Snowe
Coverdell	Kassebaum	Specter
Craig	Kempthorne	Stevens
D'Amato	Kyl	Thomas
DeWine	Lott	Thompson
Domenici	Lugar	Thurmond
Faircloth	Mack	Warner
Frahm	McCain	

NAYS—43

Akaka	Ford	Mikulski
Biden	Glenn	Moseley-Braun
Bingaman	Graham	Moynihan
Boxer	Harkin	Murray
Bradley	Heflin	Nunn
Breaux	Inouye	Pryor
Bryan	Johnston	Reid
Byrd	Kennedy	Robb
Conrad	Kerrey	Rockefeller
Daschle	Kerry	Sarbanes
Dodd	Kohl	Simon
Dorgan	Lautenberg	Wellstone
Exon	Leahy	Wyden
Feingold	Levin	
Feinstein	Lieberman	

NOT VOTING—4

Baucus	Hatfield
Bumpers	Inhofe

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 53, the nays are 43. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is not agreed to.

Mr. FEINGOLD addressed the Chair. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Wisconsin.

Mr. FEINGOLD. I thank the Chair. I ask unanimous consent that the pending amendments be set aside.

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