

competition. Yet, the current reported scope of the Post-FTS2000 contract does not provide for local services competition, or a comparison of end-to-end service cost versus a piecemeal acquisition of telecommunication services. Instead, GSA seeks competition in only a few cities under a separate acquisition. This strategy fails to address the disparity between urban and rural government locations with respect to end-to-end communications and fails to bring the benefit of competition for all telecommunications services to the Federal Government. We also want to see a business plan and requirements that reflect the Telecommunications Act, as well as the Government's plan for addressing security and interoperability.

I also point out, Mr. President, that I have consulted with my friend and colleague, Senator STEVENS, the chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, which has oversight jurisdiction over this program, and he agrees with our approach. In addition, my friend and colleague, the ranking minority member, Senator KERREY, is intimately aware and knowledgeable in this matter and also endorses the direction set forth today.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3756, the Treasury, Postal Service, and general Government appropriations bill for fiscal year 1997.

This bill provides new budget authority of \$23.3 billion and new outlays of \$20.5 billion to finance operations of the Department of the Treasury, including the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Customs Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the Financial Management Service; as well as the Executive Office of the President, the Office of Personnel Management, the General Services Administration, and other agencies that perform central Government functions.

I congratulate the chairman and ranking member for producing a bill that is within the subcommittee's 602(b) allocation. When outlays from prior-year budget authority and other adjustments are taken into account, the bill totals \$23.7 billion in budget authority and \$23.5 billion in outlays. The total bill is at the Senate subcommittee's 602(b) nondefense allocation for budget authority and under its allocation for outlays by \$133 million. The subcommittee is also at its Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund allocation for budget authority and under its allocation for outlays by \$4 million.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a table displaying the Budget Committee scoring of H.R. 3756, as reported by the Senate.

I urge Members to support the bill and to refrain from offering amendments that would cause the subcommittee to exceed its 602(b) allocation.

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

TREASURY-POSTAL SUBCOMMITTEE SPENDING TOTALS—  
SENATE-REPORTED BILL

[Fiscal year 1997, in millions of dollars]

	Budget authority	Outlays
<b>Nondefense discretionary:</b>		
Outlays from prior-year BA and other actions completed		2,381
H.R. 3756, as reported to the Senate	11,081	8,498
Scorekeeping adjustment		
Subtotal nondefense discretionary	11,081	10,879
<b>Violent crime reduction trust fund:</b>		
Outlays from prior-year BA and other actions completed		9
H.R. 3756, as reported to the Senate	120	93
Scorekeeping adjustment		
Subtotal violent crime reduction trust fund	120	102
<b>Mandatory:</b>		
Outlays from prior-year BA and other actions completed	129	128
H.R. 3756, as reported to the Senate	12,081	11,936
Adjustment to conform mandatory programs with Budget Resolution assumptions	301	445
Subtotal mandatory	12,511	12,509
Adjusted bill total	23,712	23,490
<b>Senate Subcommittee 602(b) allocation:</b>		
Defense discretionary		
Nondefense discretionary	11,081	11,012
Violent crime reduction trust fund	120	106
Mandatory	12,511	12,509
Total allocation	23,712	23,627
<b>Adjusted bill total compared to Senate Subcommittee 602(b) allocation:</b>		
Defense discretionary		
Nondefense discretionary		-133
Violent crime reduction trust fund		-4
Mandatory		
Total allocation		-137

Note.—Details may not add to totals due to rounding. Totals adjusted for consistency with current scorekeeping conventions.

Mr. ASHCROFT. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. HUTCHISON). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. LOTT. Madam President, at the request of the Senator from Utah, Senator HATCH, before we move to the next action, I ask for the yeas and nays on amendment numbered 5295.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LOTT. A lot of effort has gone into the Treasury-postal bill. We have dealt with a number of issues. We have been on this bill 25 hours and 38 minutes. I think perhaps we are tired and we need to see if we can go on to something else. I encourage the managers to continue working. If they can come back with a list of amendments we could get done in 4 hours, we would consult, try to get the Treasury-postal bill done. We have put a lot of effort into it. I think in view of everything that has gone on here and recognizing where we are now, with second-degree amendments and an amendment pend-

ing by the leader, I just do not see how we can get through extended debate tonight and a lot of votes.

What we would like to do now is to pull down the Treasury bill, and go to the Interior appropriations bill in the morning at 9:30. If we could get an agreement on taking that up, then there would not be any votes tomorrow as we try to be cooperative with our Members that have a holiday that is very important to them tomorrow.

We will be working on other issues. We would like to get the Magnuson fisheries bill through. There is an interest on both sides in getting that done. If we could get in touch with the interested players and get that done in the morning we would do that and not go to the Interior appropriations.

With regard to Monday, we would like to continue working on the Interior appropriations bill. The managers have indicated we can make progress on that. I understand, perhaps, even amendments dealing with grazing could be considered on Monday, or perhaps we could go to the aviation authorization, the FAA authorization bill. A lot of good work has been done on that by Senator McCAIN, Senator FORD, Senator STEVENS, a number of Senators. So if we can get a time agreement on that we would take that up and then go to the Interior appropriations bill and we would have votes, then, on Tuesday morning.

We announced earlier that an amendment by the Senator from California would not be taken up before Tuesday. We have one other amendment that we would want to say would not be taken up before Tuesday on the Interior appropriations bill. I do not think there is a problem with that. I do not like setting a precedent of saying, "OK, this Senator's amendment will not be considered until a day certain." These are both in recognition of the Jewish holiday, and the fact that we will be on Interior a good bit next week, I do not see that any damage is done by doing it that way.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. LOTT. In view of that, I ask unanimous consent, Madam President, that the Treasury bill be placed on the calendar and the Senate proceed to the Interior appropriations bill at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 13, and if we can get an agreement on the Magnuson fishery bill we may go to that instead.

Mr. DASCHLE. Reserving the right to object, and I will not object, let me just say we have worked on this side on the Treasury-postal bill to narrow the list of amendments. We began this morning with 45, tonight we are down to 6. So we have made good progress. I thank all of my colleagues on this side of the aisle for their cooperation. Hopefully, we can work out the remaining questions relating to the additional short list of amendments. I think the majority leader's recommendation is a