

I think we would be better off if we urged people consuming or funding art in this country to be careful about it, to think about it in terms of its quality, to think about it in terms of its potential for greatness, to think about what it calls us to. Does it call us to greatness? The Federal Government, with its sense of politics, doesn't need to be signaling that some art is worthy, some speech is worthy, other art is unworthy, other speech is to be disregarded.

It is not that we do not believe in art in America. All of us understand that the gifts of expression which God has given us are to be developed and they should be developed educationally and by individuals. But because art is expression and because it is related to values and because it is speech, it is inappropriate for the Government to say that some art is to be funded, some art is to be subsidized, and other art is to be disregarded, that other art is somehow unworthy and not to be provided merit.

I believe that we will be a more civil society if we have a marketplace which determines what happens in the art community rather than a subsidy from Government. I believe we will be a well educated people, but it will be when we understand art for its value to us, not art that we receive at the hand of Government or art that becomes a part of a welfare state for the rich or for others in the community. I believe that art is an expression that ought to be regarded as an individual's choice.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

Mr. GORTON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The manager of the bill.

Mr. GORTON. I move to table the Ashcroft amendment and ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The question is on agreeing to the motion to table the Ashcroft amendment No. 3593. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 76, nays 22, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 269 Leg.]

YEAS—76

Abraham	Byrd	Domenici
Akaka	Campbell	Dorgan
Baucus	Chafee	Durbin
Bennett	Cleland	Enzi
Biden	Cochran	Feingold
Bingaman	Collins	Feinstein
Bond	Conrad	Ford
Boxer	Craig	Frist
Breaux	D'Amato	Glenn
Bryan	Daschle	Gorton
Bumpers	DeWine	Graham
Burns	Dodd	Grassley

Gregg	Leahy	Santorum
Harkin	Levin	Sarbanes
Hatch	Lieberman	Smith (OR)
Hutchison	Lugar	Snowe
Inouye	Moseley-Braun	Specter
Jeffords	Moynihan	Stevens
Johnson	Murkowski	Thomas
Kempthorne	Murray	Thurmond
Kennedy	Reed	Torricelli
Kerrey	Reid	Warner
Kerry	Robb	Wellstone
Kohl	Roberts	Wyden
Landrieu	Rockefeller	
Lautenberg	Roth	

NAYS—22

Allard	Hagel	McConnell
Ashcroft	Helms	Nickles
Brownback	Hutchinson	Sessions
Coats	Inhofe	Shelby
Coverdell	Kyl	Smith (NH)
Faircloth	Lott	Thompson
Gramm	Mack	
Grams	McCain	

NOT VOTING—2

Hollings	Mikulski
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The motion to lay on the table the amendment (No. 3593) was agreed to.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the motion was agreed to.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, the Senate is now considering S. 2237, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies appropriations bill for fiscal year 1999.

The Senate bill provides \$13.5 billion in budget authority and \$8.7 billion in new outlays to operate the programs of the Department of the Interior and related agencies for fiscal year 1999.

When outlays from prior year budget authority and other completed actions are taken into account, the bill totals \$13.5 billion in budget authority and \$14.0 billion in outlays for fiscal year 1999.

The subcommittee is below its section 303(b) allocation for budget authority and outlays.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a table displaying the Budget Committee scoring of this bill be printed in the RECORD at this point.

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

S. 2237, INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS, 1999 SPENDING COMPARISONS—SENATE-REPORTED BILL

[Fiscal year 1999, in millions of dollars]

	De-fense	Non-de-fense	Crime	Man-datory	Total
Senate-reported bill:					
Budget authority	13,404			58	13,462
Outlays	13,959			58	14,017
Senate 302(b) allocation:					
Budget authority	13,410			58	13,468
Outlays	13,960			58	14,018
1998 level:					
Budget authority	13,712			55	13,767
Outlays	13,648			50	13,698
President's request					
Budget authority	14,063			58	14,121
Outlays	14,384			58	14,442
House-passed bill:					
Budget authority	13,370			58	13,428
Outlays	13,956			58	14,014
SENATE-REPORTED BILL COMPARED TO—					
Senate 302(b) allocation:					
Budget authority		-6			-6
Outlays		-1			-1

S. 2237, INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS, 1999 SPENDING COMPARISONS—SENATE-REPORTED BILL—Continued

[Fiscal year 1999, in millions of dollars]

	De-fense	Non-de-fense	Crime	Man-datory	Total
1998 level:					
Budget authority		-308		3	-305
Outlays		311		8	319
President's request					
Budget authority		-659			-659
Outlays		-425			-425
House-passed bill:					
Budget authority		34			34
Outlays		3			3

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

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I commend the full committee and our Interior Appropriations Subcommittee for the hard work on this bill. As a member of the subcommittee, I am especially grateful to our chairman, the distinguished Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON) for his sensitivity to the special needs and concerns of New Mexicans. We live in a State with vast Federal land ownership. Programs within the Interior Department and the Forest Service, especially, which are funded by this bill, have a major impact on the lives of my constituents. As in previous years, it has been a pleasure working with Senator GORTON to craft a bill that is good for both New Mexico and the Nation.

I am especially pleased that this bill accommodates additional funding for the New Mexico Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque and the El Camino Real International Heritage Center, as well as for Bandelier, Aztec ruins and Petroglyph national monuments, the Rio Puerco watershed rehabilitation, and the Middle Rio Grande Bosque Research proposal. This bill also provides increased funding for the vanishing treasures initiative and continues support for my Indian diabetes initiative.

At a time when we are asking every committee of the Senate to work with tight spending caps to preserve and extend the progress we have made in balancing the budget, the committee has reported to the floor a bill that still provides for an increase in spending for our national parks. Hard choices were made to achieve this increase and I applaud the committee's work in providing this increase.

Mr. President, I urge the adoption of the bill.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SENATOR COATS' 100TH PRESIDING HOUR

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today I have the pleasure to announce that Senator COATS is the latest recipient of the prestigious Golden Gavel Award,