

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2003—Continued

AMENDMENT NO. 27

Mr. STEVENS. Madam President, I ask for regular order on amendment No. 27, the LIHEAP amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has that right. The amendment is now pending.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask for the yeas and nays on that amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. For the information of the Senate, this is the LIHEAP amendment. The statements concerning the amendment will be after—

Mr. REED. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that there be 1 minute for myself and Senator COLLINS to explain the amendment.

Mr. STEVENS. Madam President, that would be in order. I have no problem with that. I ask for 1 minute on each side to explain this amendment.

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

Mr. REED. Madam President, this amendment would direct the President to release \$300 billion for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. It will be offset by using unexpended emergency LIHEAP funds which were already appropriated in the 2001 Supplemental Appropriations Act. Today, as the temperatures freeze, people throughout the country—people in the Northeast, the Midwest, many parts of the country—are freezing. This includes low-income seniors. With rising oil prices, a declining economy, and cold temperatures, it is the “perfect storm” for those people. We can help them with this amendment.

The amendment will also provide assistance to address the scorching heats of summer in other parts of the country. I urge passing.

I yield the remaining time to my colleague Senator COLLINS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, when I left Maine earlier today, the forecast was for temperatures with a wind chill of 40 below zero tonight. We are facing a “perfect storm” of exceedingly cold winter weather, high energy prices, and a difficult economy.

This amendment is a modest amendment with very little budget impact. But it is an amendment that will make a real difference in the lives of low-income families in Maine and States across the Nation.

No one should have to choose between being warm in the winter, buying prescription drugs, or buying the food they need to remain healthy. This amendment will address the needs of thousands of low-income families across this Nation so that they will not be faced with those choices.

Madam President, I urge adoption of the amendment.

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

Mr. STEVENS. We are prepared to accept this amendment, but I think the sponsors wish a vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The question is on agreeing to the amendment of the Senator from Rhode Island, Mr. REED.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I announce that the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) is necessarily absent.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS), and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) would each vote “aye”.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ALEXANDER). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 88, nays 4, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 10 Leg.]

YEAS—88

Akaka	Dodd	McCain
Alexander	Dole	McConnell
Allard	Domenici	Mikulski
Allen	Dorgan	Miller
Baucus	Durbin	Murkowski
Bayh	Edwards	Murray
Bennett	Enzi	Nelson (FL)
Biden	Feingold	Nelson (NE)
Bond	Fitzgerald	Pryor
Boxer	Frist	Reed
Breaux	Graham (SC)	Reid
Bunning	Grassley	Roberts
Burns	Gregg	Rockefeller
Byrd	Hagel	Santorum
Campbell	Hatch	Sarbanes
Cantwell	Hutchison	Schumer
Carper	Inhofe	Shelby
Chafee	Inouye	Smith
Chambliss	Jeffords	Snowe
Clinton	Johnson	Specter
Cochran	Kennedy	Stabenow
Coleman	Kerry	Stevens
Collins	Kohl	Sununu
Conrad	Landrieu	Talent
Cornyn	Lautenberg	Thomas
Corzine	Leahy	Voinovich
Craig	Levin	Warner
Crapo	Lieberman	Wyden
Dayton	Lott	
DeWine	Lugar	

NAYS—4

Ensign	Nickles
Kyl	Sessions

NOT VOTING—8

Bingaman	Feinstein	Hollings
Brownback	Graham (FL)	Lincoln
Daschle	Harkin	

The amendment (No. 27) was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREE-
MENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, it was my hope that we could debate and vote on

the confirmation of the Ridge nomination during today's session. It is my understanding that the other side of the aisle will require approximately an hour and 40 minutes for debate. In a discussion a few minutes ago, we agreed that we would at least begin that debate tonight.

Shortly, I will be asking for unanimous consent to outline what the proposal is.

It is an important nomination. I believe all of us would like to address and vote on the nomination as soon as possible. We will be conducting that vote tomorrow.

I encourage our colleagues who have statements to make those tonight, if at all possible.

As in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that following the stacked votes on Wednesday morning, the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of Calendar No. 1, the nomination of Tom Ridge to be Secretary of Homeland Security. Further, I ask that the debate time be limited as follows: Senator DORGAN, 15 minutes; Senator BYRD, 15 minutes; Senator CARPER, 15 minutes; Senator FEINSTEIN, 10 minutes; Senator LAUTENBERG, 20 minutes; Senator LIEBERMAN, 15 minutes; Senator DASCHLE, 10 minutes; and Senator COLLINS to be in control of 1 hour and 40 minutes. I further ask unanimous consent that following the use or yielding back of the debate time the Senate proceed to a vote on the confirmation of the nomination with no intervening action or debate; further, that following the vote, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object, Mr. President, if I could, through the Chair, direct a question to the majority leader, it is my understanding that the majority leader is contemplating two votes in the morning.

Mr. FRIST. That is correct.

Mr. REID. And once that consent is done, it is my understanding we would have a couple votes, is that right, at 9:15 or 9:30 in the morning. Following that, this debate would take place, and we would vote on this matter prior to the normal party caucuses; is that right?

Mr. FRIST. That is correct. I understand that Senator CARPER may be willing to use his time tonight. I would encourage others to do so, once the unanimous consent request is agreed to. Shortly, we will enter into an agreement for two stacked votes for tomorrow morning at approximately 9:30. Following those votes, we will begin consideration of the Ridge nomination. I expect the vote will occur prior to the policy luncheons tomorrow afternoon, as outlined.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the second vote tomorrow morning be a 10-minute vote.