

Senator BAUCUS, and the other members of the Democratic trade staff: Shara Aranoff, Demetrios Marantis, Anya Landau, Janis Lazda, and Chelsea Thomas.

Finally, I want to identify two people for special recognition. The first is Polly Craighill, senior counsel in the Senate's Office of Legislative Counsel. Her dedication to the Senate is profound. The Finance Committee benefits greatly from Ms. Craighill's expertise in legislative drafting, her tireless efforts, and her constructive perfectionism. Today's vote is in no small part a testament to her skills. I also want to extend my deep gratitude to Jeanne Grimmer, legislative attorney in the American Law Division of the Congressional Research Service. My staff and I repeatedly called upon Ms. Grimmer to prepare legal research and memoranda in connection with our development of this legislation, and her timely support was instrumental to our success today. I am very grateful.

I look forward to the enactment of this legislation and hope that President Bush will sign it into law very soon.

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

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

#### SENATOR BURR RECEIVES THE GOLDEN GAVEL AWARD

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I wish to acknowledge an important feat of one of our Members. At 10 o'clock this evening, the distinguished Presiding Officer, the Senator from North Carolina, Mr. BURR, reached his 100th hour of presiding. I should clarify that it is 100 hours since the beginning of this year. I know sometimes it has probably felt like he has presided 100 hours in a week.

The reason this is important, according to the Senate Historian, is this is the fastest time in reaching the 100-hour mark since presiding records have been kept.

(Applause.)

Senator BURR will be the first Senator in the 109th Congress to receive the Golden Gavel Award. Most Members recognize that sitting in that chair is the best way to learn Senate procedure. He has done so with distinction and honor. He has done so with a firm but fair gavel. In addition to his regular presiding times, he has been here on many Mondays and Fridays, when a lot of us are at home and elsewhere. We thank him for that. We owe a debt of gratitude to him for doing that, and we thank him and congratulate him on this outstanding achievement.

(Applause.)

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if I may comment. The reason I like Senator BURR so much is because he pays attention while he presides. I am impressed with that.

#### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, at this juncture, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 130, H.R. 2419, the Energy and Water appropriations bill. I further ask that the committee substitute amendment be agreed to and considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, with no points of order waived by this agreement.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2419) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment.

(Strike the part shown in black brackets and insert the part shown in italic.)

#### H.R. 2419

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**[That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, for energy and water development, and for other purposes, namely:**

#### **[TITLE I**

#### **[CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL**

#### **[DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

#### **[CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL**

**[The following appropriations shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Army and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers for authorized civil functions of the Department of the Army pertaining to rivers and harbors, flood and storm damage reduction, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related purposes.**

#### **[GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS**

**[For expenses necessary for the collection and study of basic information pertaining to river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related projects, restudy of authorized projects, miscellaneous investigations, and, when authorized by law, surveys and detailed studies and plans and specifications of projects prior to construction, \$100,000,000 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That, except as provided in section 101 of this Act, the amounts made available under this paragraph shall be expended as authorized in law for the projects and activities specified in the report accompanying this Act.**

#### **[CONSTRUCTION**

**[For expenses necessary for the construction of river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related projects authorized by law; for conducting detailed studies, and plans and specifications, of such projects (including those involving participation by States, local governments, or private groups) authorized or made eligible for selection by law (but such detailed studies, and plans and specifications, shall not constitute a commitment of the Government to construc-**

**tion); and for the benefit of federally listed species to address the effects of civil works projects owned or operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, \$1,763,000,000, to remain available until expended; of which such sums as are necessary to cover the Federal share of construction costs for facilities under the Dredged Material Disposal Facilities program shall be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund as authorized by Public Law 104-303; and of which \$182,668,000, pursuant to Public Law 99-662, shall be derived from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, to cover one-half of the costs of construction and rehabilitation of inland waterways projects; and of which \$4,000,000 shall be exclusively for projects and activities authorized under section 107 of the River and Harbor Act of 1960; and of which \$500,000 shall be exclusively for projects and activities authorized under section 111 of the River and Harbor Act of 1968; and of which \$1,000,000 shall be exclusively for projects and activities authorized under section 103 of the River and Harbor Act of 1962; and of which \$25,000,000 shall be exclusively available for projects and activities authorized under section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948; and of which \$8,000,000 shall be exclusively for projects and activities authorized under section 14 of the Flood Control Act of 1946; and of which \$400,000 shall be exclusively for projects and activities authorized under section 208 of the Flood Control Act of 1954; and of which \$17,400,000 shall be exclusively for projects and activities authorized under section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986; and of which \$18,000,000 shall be exclusively for projects and activities authorized under section 206 of the Water Resources Act of 1996; and of which \$4,000,000 shall be exclusively for projects and activities authorized under section 204 of the Water Resources Act of 1992: *Provided*, That, except as provided in section 101 of this Act, the amounts made available under this paragraph shall be expended as authorized in law for the projects and activities specified in the report accompanying this Act.**

**[In addition, \$137,000,000 shall be available for projects and activities authorized under 16 U.S.C. 410-r-8 and section 601 of Public Law 106-541.**

**[FLOOD CONTROL, MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES, ARKANSAS, ILLINOIS, KENTUCKY, LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI, AND TENNESSEE**

**[For expenses necessary for the flood damage reduction program for the Mississippi River alluvial valley below Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as authorized by law, \$290,000,000 to remain available until expended, of which such sums as are necessary to cover the Federal share of operation and maintenance costs for inland harbors shall be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: *Provided*, That, except as provided in section 101 of this Act, the amounts made available under this paragraph shall be expended as authorized in law for the projects and activities specified in the report accompanying this Act.**

#### **[OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

**[For expenses necessary for the operation, maintenance, and care of existing river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related projects authorized by law; for the benefit of federally listed species to address the effects of civil works projects owned or operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (the "Corps"); for providing security for infrastructure owned and operated by, or on behalf of, the Corps, including administrative buildings and facilities, laboratories, and the Washington Aqueduct; for the maintenance of harbor channels provided by a**