

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 86, nays 9, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 2 Leg.]

YEAS—86

Alexander	Gillibrand	Mikulski
Ayotte	Grassley	Moran
Baldwin	Hagan	Murkowski
Barrasso	Harkin	Murphy
Baucus	Hatch	Murray
Begich	Heinrich	Nelson
Bennet	Heitkamp	Portman
Blumenthal	Heller	Pryor
Blunt	Hirono	Reed
Boozman	Hoeben	Reid
Boxer	Inhofe	Risch
Brown	Isakson	Roberts
Cantwell	Johanns	Rockefeller
Cardin	Johnson (SD)	Schatz
Carper	Kaine	Schumer
Casey	Kerry	Shaheen
Cochran	King	Stabenow
Collins	Kirk	Tester
Coons	Klobuchar	Thune
Corker	Landrieu	Toomey
Cornyn	Lautenberg	Udall (CO)
Crapo	Leahy	Udall (NM)
Donnelly	Levin	Vitter
Durbin	Manchin	Warner
Enzi	McCain	Warren
Feinstein	McCaskill	Whitehouse
Fischer	McConnell	Wicker
Flake	Menendez	Wyden
Franken	Merkley	

NAYS—9

Cruz	Paul	Scott
Johnson (WI)	Rubio	Sessions
Lee	Sanders	Shelby

NOT VOTING—5

Burr	Coats	Graham
Chambliss	Coburn	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 86 and the nays are 9. Two-thirds of those voting having voted in the affirmative, the resolution is agreed to.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 16) reads as follows:

S. RES. 16

Resolved,

SECTION 1. BIPARTISAN CLOTURE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED.

Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by inserting at the end the following:

“3. If a cloture motion on a motion to proceed to a measure or matter is presented in accordance with this rule and is signed by 16 Senators, including the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, 7 additional Senators not affiliated with the majority, and 7 additional Senators not affiliated with the minority, one hour after the Senate meets on the following calendar day, the Presiding Officer, or the clerk at the direction of the Presiding Officer, shall lay the motion before the Senate. If cloture is then invoked on the motion to proceed, the question shall be on the motion to proceed, without further debate.”.

SEC. 2. CONFERENCE MOTIONS.

Rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs 2 through 9 as paragraphs 3 through 10, respectively;

(2) in paragraph 3(c), as so redesignated, by striking “paragraph 4” and inserting “paragraph 5”;

(3) in paragraph 4(b), as so redesignated, by striking “paragraph 4” and inserting “paragraph 5”;

(4) in paragraph 5(a), as so redesignated, by striking “paragraph 2 or paragraph 3” and inserting “paragraph 3 or paragraph 4”;

(5) in paragraph 6, as so redesignated—
(A) in subparagraph (a), by striking “paragraph 2 or 3” and inserting “paragraph 3 or paragraph 4”;

(B) in subparagraph (b), by striking “paragraph (4)” each place it appears and inserting “paragraph (5)”; and

(6) inserting after paragraph 1 the following:

“2. (a) When a message from the House of Representatives is laid before the Senate, it shall be in order for a single, non-divisible motion to be made that includes—

“(1) a motion to disagree to a House amendment or insist upon a Senate amendment;

“(2) a motion to request a committee of conference with the House or to agree to a request by the House for a committee of conference; and

“(3) a motion to authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees (or a motion to appoint conferees).

“(b) If a cloture motion is presented on a motion made pursuant to subparagraph (a), the motion shall be debatable for no more than 2 hours, equally divided in the usual form, after which the Presiding Officer, or the clerk at the direction of the Presiding Officer, shall lay the motion before the Senate. If cloture is then invoked on the motion, the question shall be on the motion, without further debate.”.

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

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Mr. REID. Mr. President, 2 years ago my friend the Republican leader and I expressed our intention that the funding allocation adopted for the 112th Congress would serve for that and future Congresses. Over the prior 20 years, the apportionment of committee funding had gone from a straight two-thirds for majority and one-third for minority during the 1990s, regardless of the size of the majority and minority, to biannual negotiations during the following decade. The new funding allocation for Senate committees was based on the party division of the Senate, with 10 percent of the total majority and minority salary baseline going to the majority for administrative expenses. However, regardless of the party division of the Senate, the minority share of the majority and minority salary baseline will never be less than 40 percent, and the majority share will never exceed 60 percent. This approach met our needs for the last Congress, and I would like to see it continue.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I, too, would like to continue this approach for the 113th and future Congresses. It serves the interest of the Senate and the public by helping to retain core committee staff with institutional knowledge, regardless of which party is in the majority. We made a transition in the last Congress to restore special reserves to its historic purpose, but appropriations cuts prevented special reserves from being funded. To the extent possible, we should try to fund special reserves in order to be able to assist committees that face urgent, unanticipated, non-recurring needs. We know that we will continue to face tight budgets for the foreseeable future, and we have to bring funding authorizations more in line with our actual resources while ensuring that committees are able to fulfill their responsibilities. I look forward to continuing to work with my friend the majority leader to accomplish this.

Mr. REID. I thank my friend the Republican leader and ask unanimous consent that a joint leadership letter be printed in the RECORD.

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

JOINT LEADERSHIP LETTER

We mutually commit to the following for the 113th Congress:

The budgets of the Committees of the Senate, including Joint and Special Committees, and all other subgroups, shall be apportioned to reflect the ratio of the Senate as of this date, including an additional ten percent (10%) from the majority and minority salary baseline to be allocated to the Chairman for administrative expenses, to be determined by the Rules Committee.

Special Reserves has been restored to its historic purpose. Requests for funding will only be considered when submitted by a Committee Chairman and Ranking Member for unanticipated, non-recurring needs. Such requests shall be granted only upon the approval of the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Rules Committee.

Funds for Committee expenses shall be available to each Chairman consistent with Senate rules and practices of the 112th Congress.

The Chairman and Ranking Member of any Committee may, by mutual consent, modifying the apportionment of Committee funding and office space.

The division of Committee office space shall be commensurate with this funding agreement.

TRIBUTE TO REV. JOHNNY SCOTT

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, Reverend Johnny Scott has announced his retirement after 31 years as president of the NAACP East St. Louis Chapter. As a faith leader, businessman, civil rights activist, husband and father, Rev. Scott has dedicated his life to justice and equality. He is a man who cares about making sure things are done right. East St. Louis—my hometown—is a better place for Reverend Scott's years of service.

A native of Indianola, MS, Johnny Scott went to Mildred Louise Business