

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
Nondefense discretionary:		
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
Violent crime reduction trust fund:		
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
Mandatory:		
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
Senate Subcommittee 602(b) allocation:		
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
Adjusted bill total compared to Senate Subcommittee 602(b) allocation:		
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

good one. I hope we could begin the debate on the Interior bill tomorrow, perhaps taking up the Federal aviation bill on Monday, but we will work with the majority to see that we have a full schedule and protect Senators who have plans for religious purposes tomorrow.

I have no objection.

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

Mr. LOTT. I thank the Democratic leader for his cooperation. I ask unanimous consent that during the consideration of H.R. 3662, the Interior appropriations bill, that no amendments relative to Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness or Voyageur's National Park be in order prior to Tuesday, September 17, 1996.

Madam President, let me withhold that request.

Madam President, we do want to make sure that is cleared by a Senator that has a direct interest in it, and we will make a call right now. It would be my intent to honor this, but I will try to get a unanimous-consent agreement locked in while we are making calls.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that there be a period for morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

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

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Madam President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, September 11, the Federal debt stood at \$5,219,273,550,936.86.

One year ago, September 11, 1995, the Federal debt stood at \$4,962,944,000,000.

Five years ago, September 11, 1991, the Federal debt stood at \$3,619,285,000,000.

Ten years ago, September 11, 1986, the Federal debt stood at \$2,105,838,000,000.

Fifteen years ago, September 11, 1981, the Federal debt stood at \$980,009,000,000. This reflects an increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,239,264,550,936.86—during the 15 years from 1981 to 1996.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR MRS. ESTHER WERNER

Mr. ASHCROFT. Madam President, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Esther Werner of Creve Coeur, MI. Mrs. Werner celebrated her 90th birthday on August 2, 1996. I join her family and friends in celebration of this momentous occasion, and in wishing her continued health and happiness in the years to come.

OLYMPIC CHAMPION KENNY HARRISON

Mr. ASHCROFT. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the accomplish-

ments of Kenny Harrison of Bridgeton, MO at the games of the XXVth Olympiad. Mr. Harrison won America's fourth track and field gold medal by jumping 18.09 meters in the triple jump. This jump, in addition to winning Olympic gold, also established a new U.S. and Olympic record. The State of Missouri, and the entire Nation, takes great pride in Mr. Harrison's record setting performance.

HONORING THE HELBIGS ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. ASHCROFT. Madam President, families are the cornerstone of America. The data are undeniable: Individuals from strong families contribute to the society. In an era when nearly half of all couples married today will see their union dissolve into divorce, I believe it is both instructive and important to honor those who have taken the commitment of till death us do part seriously, demonstrating successfully the timeless principles of love, honor, and fidelity. These characteristics make our country strong.

For these important reasons, I rise today to honor Mr. Charles and Mrs. Dorothy Helbig of St. Charles, MO, who on September 21, 1996 will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. My wife, Janet, and I look forward to the day we can celebrate a similar milestone. Charles and Dorothy's commitment to the principles and values of their marriage deserves to be saluted and recognized. I wish them and their family all the best as they celebrate this substantial marker on their journey together.

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION BOARD

Mr. GRASSLEY. Will the distinguished Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee yield for a question?

Mr. LUGAR. Yes, I will yield for a question.

Mr. GRASSLEY. The Farm Credit System is the vital backbone of American agriculture providing needed financing for many components of agriculture. The FCS is regulated by the Farm Credit Administration. There has been a vacancy on the FCA Board since the resignation of Board member Gary Byrne on March 31, 1995. Under previous agreement with the President, the name of a highly qualified Iowan, Ann Jorgenson, was referred in August 1995 to the White House with the understanding that the President would send her name to the Senate for confirmation. To date, the White House has neglected to act on the nomination. This Senator feels that the lack of a full Board is very disruptive to the smooth operation of the Farm Credit System.

Can the Chairman share with the Senate any information which he may have on the nomination and whether or not the Senate will be able to act on it this Congress?

Mr. LUGAR. The Senator is correct that a vacancy has existed on the three-member Farm Credit Administration Board since March 31, 1995. The Senate majority leader, Bob Dole, sent the name of Ann Jorgenson to the President in June 1995 to fill a Republican vacancy at the Farm Credit Administration. The Committee has not received any notification from the White House regarding Ann Jorgenson's nomination. If the President does not formally nominate Ms. Jorgenson, the Committee and the Senate will be unable to act on the appointment this Congress and the Board will continue without its full complement of members.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I have personally known Ann Jorgenson for many years and I am very impressed with her accomplishments, her commitment to American agriculture, and her work and knowledge in the business world. She has developed business plans and goals, written software for farm accounting, spoken numerous times at agricultural seminars on various agriculture topics, and has authored a book on putting paperwork in its place. She also serves on board of the Farm Bureau Mutual Fund. She has an admirable record of public service to the State of Iowa, having served as a member of the board of regents, which oversees Iowa's three State universities. Currently, Ann is a board member of the Iowa Department of Economic Development. The list goes on extensively.

Once the administration formally nominates Ms. Jorgenson and the Agriculture Committee has an opportunity to review her record and qualifications, I am convinced that the Senator will conclude that she is a highly qualified person for the position.

Mr. LUGAR. I look forward to having the opportunity to examine her qualifications. Her reputation is an excellent one.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Would the Senator, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, join with me in urging the President to fill the vacancy on the Board of the Farm Credit System so that we may complete the confirmation process this Congress?

Mr. LUGAR. I join the Senator in urging the President to fill the vacancy on the FCS Board. The vacancy on the Board has existed for over a year now and the Board's daily oversight of the safety and soundness of the farm credit system would be greatly enhanced with a full Board.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I ask unanimous consent that letters in support of Ann Jorgenson be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letters were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
Washington, June 28, 1996.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: Nearly one year ago, then Majority Leader Senator Bob Dole sent to you the name of Ann Jorgenson to fill a