

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is so modified.

Mr. DOMENICI. I thank the Chair.

The amendment (No. 4012), as modified, is as follows:

On page 25, line 17, increase the amount by \$1,700,000,000.

On page 25, line 18, increase the amount by \$800,000,000.

On page 27, line 16, increase the amount by \$300,000,000.

On page 27, line 17, increase the amount by \$600,000,000.

On page 42, line 2, decrease the amount by \$3,500,000,000.

On page 42, line 3, decrease the amount by \$100,000,000.

On page 52, line 14, increase the amount by \$5,000,000,000.

On page 52, line 15, increase the amount by \$1,400,000,000.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution, on page 52, line 15, the amount is deemed to be \$270,923,000,000. On page 4, line 8, the amount is deemed to be \$1,323,100,000,000.

On page 4, line 9, the amount is deemed to be \$1,361,600,000,000.

On page 4, line 10, the amount is deemed to be \$1,392,400,000,000.

On page 4, line 11, the amount is deemed to be \$1,433,600,000,000.

On page 4, line 12, the amount is deemed to be \$1,454,000,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, the amount is deemed to be \$1,318,600,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, the amount is deemed to be \$1,353,500,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, the amount is deemed to be \$1,382,400,000,000.

On page 4, line 20, the amount is deemed to be \$1,415,600,000.

On page 4, line 21, the amount is deemed to be \$1,433,100,000,000.

On page 5, line 1, the amount is deemed to be \$232,400,000,000.

On page 5, line 2, the amount is deemed to be \$223,600,000,000.

On page 5, line 3, the amount is deemed to be \$206,300,000,000.

On page 5, line 4, the amount is deemed to be \$185,700,000,000.

On page 5, line 5, the amount is deemed to be \$143,500,000,000.

On page 5, line 9, the amount is deemed to be \$5,449,000,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, the amount is deemed to be \$5,722,700,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, the amount is deemed to be \$5,975,100,000,000.

On page 5, line 12, the amount is deemed to be \$6,207,700,000,000.

On page 5, line 13, the amount is deemed to be \$6,398,600,000,000.

On page 5, line 14, the amount is deemed to be \$6,550,500,000,000.

On page 6, line 13, the amount is deemed to be \$290,000,000,000.

On page 6, line 14, the amount is deemed to be \$277,400,000,000.

On page 6, line 15, the amount is deemed to be \$256,000,000,000.

On page 6, line 16, the amount is deemed to be \$236,100,000,000.

On page 6, line 17, the amount is deemed to be \$193,340,000,000.

On page 6, line 18, the amount is deemed to be \$155,400,000,000.

On page 9, line 22, the amount is deemed to be \$14,900,000,000.

On page 11, line 22, the amount is deemed to be \$16,700,000,000.

On page 11, line 23, the amount is deemed to be \$16,800,000,000.

On page 13, line 17, the amount is deemed to be \$3,700,000,000.

On page 13, line 18, the amount is deemed to be \$3,100,000,000.

On page 15, line 17, the amount is deemed to be \$21,500,000.

On page 17, line 16, the amount is deemed to be \$12,800,000,000.

On page 17, line 17, the amount is deemed to be \$11,000,000,000.

On page 19, line 16, the amount is deemed to be \$8,100,000,000.

On page 19, line 17, the amount is deemed to be \$2,400,000,000.

On page 21, line 16, the amount is deemed to be \$42,600,000,000.

On page 21, line 17, the amount is deemed to be \$39,300,000,000.

On page 23, line 15, the amount is deemed to be \$9,900,000,000.

On page 23, line 16, the amount is deemed to be \$10,800,000,000.

On page 29, line 10, the amount is deemed to be \$193,200,000,000.

On page 29, line 11, the amount is deemed to be \$191,500,000,000.

On page 31, line 3, the amount is deemed to be \$232,400,000,000.

On page 31, line 4, the amount is deemed to be \$240,300,000,000.

On page 38, line 8, the amount is deemed to be \$13,700,000,000.

On page 39, line 25, the amount is deemed to be \$282,800,000,000.

On page 40, line 1, the amount is deemed to be \$282,800,000,000.

On page 40, line 7, the amount is deemed to be \$289,400,000,000.

On page 40, line 8, the amount is deemed to be \$289,400,000,000.

On page 40, line 14, the amount is deemed to be \$293,200,000,000.

On page 40, line 15, the amount is deemed to be \$293,200,000,000.

On page 40, line 21, the amount is deemed to be \$294,700,000,000.

On page 40, line 22, the amount is deemed to be \$294,700,000,000.

On page 41, line 3, the amount is deemed to be \$298,900,000,000.

On page 41, line 4, the amount is deemed to be \$298,900,000,000.

On page 41, line 10, the amount is deemed to be \$303,400,000,000.

On page 41, line 11, the amount is deemed to be \$303,400,000,000.

On page 41, line 17, the amount is deemed to be \$348,234,000,000.

On page 41, line 18, the amount is deemed to be \$351,240,000,000.

On page 41, line 19, the amount is deemed to be \$348,465,000,000.

On page 41, line 20, the amount is deemed to be \$349,951,000,000.

On page 41, line 21, the amount is deemed to be \$351,311,000,000.

On page 41, line 22, the amount is deemed to be \$352,765,000,000.

On page 42, line 8, the amount is deemed to be \$200,000,000.

On page 42, line 9, the amount is deemed to be \$100,000,000.

On page 42, line 15, the amount is deemed to be \$400,000,000.

On page 42, line 16, the amount is deemed to be \$300,000,000.

On page 42, line 22, the amount is deemed to be \$800,000,000.

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On page 43, line 5, the amount is deemed to be \$1,200,000,000.

On page 43, line 6, the amount is deemed to be \$1,100,000,000.

On page 43, line 12, the amount is deemed to be \$3,700,000,000.

On page 43, line 13, the amount is deemed to be \$3,700,000,000.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately upon the arrival of Senator

THOMPSON proceed to the Thompson amendment No. 3981.

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

Mr. DOMENICI. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

The Senator from Nebraska is recognized.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, the Senator from Nebraska will not interrupt anyone offering an amendment, but I ask I may be allowed to continue for about 3 minutes as in morning business.

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

THE INTERNET

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I was just reading parts of my mail that came in. I wanted to call the attention of the Senate to a very interesting letter I just received from Charlie Brogan, president of the Nebraska Broadcasters Association, from Lexington, NE. He writes and says:

I thought about you this week when my daughter brought home the enclosed set of rules about Internet use. She's a second grader in Sandoz School in Lexington. Her teacher, Dianne Yeutter, spent a considerable amount of time with the children on the proper use of the Internet.

Maybe all segments of the nation don't appreciate the seriousness of the Internet pornography problem, but people like you and I with children and grandchildren certainly understand it very well.

I thought his daughter's note was very interesting. It is brief.

Internet is fun and helpful when you need to research information for reports. However, we are concerned about certain things. Don't use the Internet unless you know what you're doing and where you're going. We not only have to ask Mrs. Yeutter permission to use the Internet but she always asks where we're going. She is in the room when we use the Internet. One or two clicks of the mouse can be powerful. They can take you to places where you shouldn't go. For example, you can get into big trouble by buying stuff you don't want. You can click into things that are inappropriate for kids and adults. Sometimes the words we read are hard to pronounce and understand.

I thank that second-grader. I thought the U.S. Senate might like to hear how one second-grader feels about what we have done thus far.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent these letters be printed in the RECORD.

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

NEBRASKA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION,
Omaha, NE, May 18, 1996.

Hon. J.J. EXON,
Hart Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR EXON: Thank you for attending our luncheon for Chris McLean last

week in Omaha. Your presence and remarks were the right touch to make it a really nice event for Chris. We have appreciated having him on the job.

I thought about you this week when my daughter brought home the enclosed set of rules about Internet use. She's a second grader at Sandoz School in Lexington. Her teacher, Dianne Yeutter, spent a considerable amount of time with the children on the proper use of the Internet.

Maybe all segments of the nation don't appreciate the seriousness of the Internet pornography problem, but people like you and I with children and grandchildren certainly understand it very well. Thank for all your time and effort working on the problem.

Sincerely,

CHARLIE BROGAN,
President, N-B-A.

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Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The Senate continued with the consideration of the concurrent resolution. Mr. DOMENICI addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. DOMENICI. We do not need the quorum call because Senator THOMPSON is ready.

Mr. THOMPSON addressed the Chair.

Mr. EXON. I withhold my request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator withholds his request for a quorum call.

The Senator from Tennessee is seeking recognition?

AMENDMENT NO. 3981

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I call up amendment 3981.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is now before the Senate.

(The text of the amendment No. 3981 was printed in the RECORD of May 20, 1996.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, this amendment reserves the Presidential election campaign fund checkoff system as it is today. The budget resolution instructions direct the Finance Committee to terminate the current checkoff system which funds the Presidential campaign fund. In its place, the Finance Committee is directed to allow taxpayers to make a voluntary contribution to the fund out of their tax refund, should they have one.

This provision in the budget resolution will effectively terminate this

post-Watergate reform. It is a system that has worked better than any of the rest of our campaign finance system, which is of great concern to many people. I do not think it is wise to single out the system and the part of it that is working the best and do away with it.

It has been scandal free. It has made for a more level playing field. Three out of the last four challengers to incumbent Presidents have won.

The next question is, what do we replace it with if, in fact, this is the demise of the current system? Do we go back to pre-Watergate?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time of the Senator has expired.

Mr. THOMPSON. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, how much time do I have?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky has 30 seconds.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I will take the same 30 seconds Senator THOMPSON had.

Mr. DOMENICI. I yield time in opposition, and we will be generous with the 30 seconds.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. A long 30 seconds.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, this is a vote about whether you want to take roughly \$300 million over a 4-year period out of financing political conventions and political campaigns for President of the United States and apply it to the deficit. The beauty of this proposal of the Budget Committee is that it does not end the Presidential checkoff at all. I personally would like to end it. I think it is a terrible idea to have taxpayer funding of elections. But the proposal of the Budget Committee does not do that. All it says is, when you check off on your tax return every April 15, you really pay for it. It is only \$3, and I am confident that those who believe that taxpayer funding of political campaigns is a good idea will be more than happy to contribute \$3 to this fund.

Under the current system the participation in the checkoff has gone from 29 percent down to 13 percent, and that is when it does not even cost the person checking off any money. This is just truth in advertising. If you check off, you pay for it.

I close by saying it saves \$300 million, adds that to deficit reduction, and allows people to really pay for the voluntary checkoff.

I hope the Thompson amendment will be defeated.

Mr. DOMENICI. Does the Senator want the yeas and nays on this? Senator THOMPSON will accept a voice vote.

Mr. THOMPSON. I will accept a voice vote.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Yes.

Mr. THOMPSON. With the provision I could ask for a rollcall vote subsequently.

Mr. DOMENICI. I think you have the right to a rollcall vote in any event after a voice vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That will be before the Chair announces the result.

Mr. DOMENICI. If he does it before the Chair announces the result.

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

All in favor say aye. All those opposed, no.

The ayes appear to have it.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I call for the yeas and nays.

What was the ruling of the Chair? The ayes have it? I withdraw my request.

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

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. First of all, I have to announce the result.

The ayes appear to have it. The ayes do have it.

The amendment is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 3981) was agreed to.

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

Mr. DOMENICI. I apologize, Mr. President, I thought you had already ruled.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the motion to lay on the table is agreed to.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arkansas.

AMENDMENT NO. 4014

Mr. BUMPERS. Mr. President, the yeas and nays have been ordered on this amendment already.

This amendment, I say to my colleagues, is one with which you are all familiar. It is called the defense firewalls. What it says is, no matter how many epidemics, floods, typhoons, earthquakes, no matter how much of anything you have in this country, you may not take a dollar from the defense budget with less than 60 votes to put it over in something that is of a much more dire need.

In 1991, and 1992, we had defense firewalls. We took them down in 1993 and 1994. Nothing untoward happened. I am just offended what this does. It says that no matter what happens that defense may not be touched. No matter how bloated the defense budget may be, it says you cannot take a penny out of defense for any other purpose, no matter what the emergency is.

We are saying we do not trust the Senate; we do not trust the Senate with a 51-vote majority. If you want to take something out of defense, you have to get 60 votes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time of the Senator from Arkansas has expired.

Mr. DOMENICI addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, since the Senator says this offends him, I