

1960 as a special assistant to one of the greatest legislators to ever serve this institution, Senator Richard B. Russell. At that time Senator Russell was chairman of the Armed Services Committee and Proctor served as a special assistant working on military issues. From 1966 to 1968, Proctor took a leave of absence and served on active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1968, Proctor returned to the Senate and was assigned by Chairman Russell to work on the Appropriations Committee. In 1971, he was assigned to what was then known as the Subcommittee on Labor—Health, Education and Welfare. So, Proctor Jones and I have something in common. We both were close to Senator Richard B. Russell and considered him to be our mentor, and, like Proctor, Senator Russell also advised me that the only committee to be on is the Appropriations Committee.

In 1973, Proctor took over as staff director for the Subcommittee on Public Works for Water and Power Development, and Atomic Energy Commission and Related Agencies. In 1978, this subcommittee was given its current name, Energy and Water Development. Since that time Proctor has served as staff director or minority staff director of that subcommittee. Simply put, Proctor Jones has been the Senate's go-to man on issues regarding Army Corps of Engineers' civil works, defense nuclear weapons development and environmental cleanup, scientific research, power marketing administrations, and other energy issues. Whether it was the Appalachian Regional Commission or biomedical research, the Members of

the Senate could trust Proctor Jones to understand the impact that the energy and water development bill had in their States. Proctor understood that these programs affected real people, communities, and institutions.

Of course, it is difficult to speak about Proctor Jones without also referring to Senator J. Bennett Johnston. In 1978, Senator Johnston took over as chairman of the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee. I am a member of that subcommittee. I can tell you that Senator Johnston and Proctor Jones have made an unbeatable team. They really mastered that bill and have run it in a straightforward and fair manner.

Mr. President, we do not acknowledge often enough the staff people who make this institution run day in and day out. In Proctor Jones we have had a superb individual who has dedicated over three decades to this Senate. I, for one, would like to express my appreciation for his hard work and his outstanding record. I wish him well and thank him for a job well done.●

SECOND ANNUAL PLAN TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, last January, I outlined a brief two-step plan to balance the budget by the year 2002. I proposed that we correct for overindexation of Government programs resulting from using the Consumer Price Index [CPI], and that we postpone tax cuts. Starting with the President's budget proposals, and using CBO scoring, these two steps

would have produced a balanced budget by 2002.

I now present my second, and if we act quickly my last, annual plan to balance the budget. As under the first plan, balancing the budget is relatively easy if we correct for overindexation and forgo tax cuts.

The Congressional Budget Office is expected to estimate the baseline deficit in 2002 at about \$200 billion. If Congress acts now to balance the budget by 2002, interest rates will fall, economic growth will increase, and CBO will declare a fiscal dividend in 2002 of about \$50 billion. So Congress need only find \$150 billion in 2002.

Here is how to get that \$150 billion:

[In billions of dollars]

Correct Indexation of Government Programs and Tax Laws by 1.1 Percentage Points (The Boskin Commission Estimate)	55
Reduce Growth in Medicare and Medicaid by at least amount in President's FY 1997 budget	45
Slow Annual Growth in Discretionary (both defense and non defense) by about 1.0 to 1.5 percentage points	50
Total Savings in 2002	150

These steps can be modified; for example, revenues from reinstating expired excise taxes can be used to finance high priority investments or avoid reductions in important domestic discretionary programs. But the point remains. With the correction for overindexation a balanced budget is within sight. Without the correction, we will have a protracted fiscal crisis.

FOREIGN CURRENCY REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following report(s) of standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM MAR. 31 TO APR. 9, 1996

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Mark O. Hatfield:									
Costa Rica	Dollar		280.00						280.00
Brazil	Dollar		770.00						770.00
Chile	Dollar		628.00						628.00
Dr. Thomas Lovejoy:									
Costa Rica	Dollar		368.00						368.00
Brazil	Dollar		949.00						949.00
Chile	Dollar		267.00						267.00
Bruce Evans:									
Costa Rica	Dollar		220.00						220.00
Brazil	Dollar		530.00						530.00
Chile	Dollar		426.00						426.00
Virginia James:									
Costa Rica	Dollar		368.00						368.00
Brazil	Dollar		949.00						949.00
Chile	Dollar		801.00						801.00
Sue Masica:									
Costa Rica	Dollar		368.00						368.00
Brazil	Dollar		949.00						949.00
Chile	Dollar		801.00						801.00
Delegation expenses: ¹									
Costa Rica	Dollar						4,003.93		4,003.93
Brazil	Dollar						11,861.00		11,861.00
Chile	Dollar						14,071.92		14,071.92
Total			8,674.00				29,936.85		38,610.85

¹ The following individuals traveled under the authorization of the Republican and Democratic Leaders: Senator Claiborne Pell, Senator Alan Simpson, Senator Howell Heflin, Senator Frank Murkowski, and Ms. Julia Hart. Their reports appear under the authorizing source. Delegation expenses include direct payments and reimbursements to the Department of State and the Department of Defense under authority of Section 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of Public Law 95-384, and Senate Resolution 179, agreed to May 25, 1977.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 1996

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator William S. Cohen:									
Malaysia	Ringgit	2,021.73	808.00	2,021.73	808.00
James M. Bodner									
Malaysia	Ringgit	1,984.60	796.71	1,984.60	796.71
Total			1,604.71		1,604.71

STROM THURMOND,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Oct. 1, 1996.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 1996

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Michael E. Korens:									
United States	Dollar	742.55	742.55
United Kingdom	Pound	251.11	389.09	251.11	389.09
Total			389.09	742.55		1,131.64

LARRY PRESSLER,
Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation, Nov. 5, 1996.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1996

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Maureen Koetz:									
Switzerland	Franc	1,691.77	1,300.00	1,691.77	1,300.00
United States	Dollar	3,358.85	3,358.85
Total			1,300.00	3,358.85		4,658.85

FRANK H. MURKOWSKI,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Sept. 30, 1996.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 1996

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Hank Brown:									
India	Rupee	35,151	923.68	35,151	923.68
Pakistan	Dollar	1,466,000	1,466,000
Indonesia	Rupia	1,846,100	784.12	1,846,100	784.12
Australia	Dollar	622.80	622.80
United States	Dollar	8,240.20	8,240.20
Senator Charles Robb:									
Mongolia	Dollar	168.75	168.75
China	Yuan	2,085.81	251.00	2,085.81	251.00
United States	Dollar	4,867.95	4,867.95
Ellen Bork:									
Indonesia	Rupia	520,250	225.00	520,250	225.00
Vietnam	Dollar	592.00	592.00
Hong Kong	Dollar	5,500	712.00	5,500	712.00
Peter Cleveland:									
Mongolia	Dollar	168.75	168.75
China	Yuan	2,085.81	251.00	2,085.81	251.00
United States	Dollar	4,867.95	4,867.95
Bonnie Coe:									
Hong Kong	Dollar	7,152.14	925.00	7,152.14	925.00
Taiwan	Dollar	915.00	915.00
United States	Dollar	2,905.95	2,905.95
Taiwan	Dollar	11,670.35	427.00	11,670.35	427.00
Vietnam	Dollar	196.00	196.00
Indonesia	Rupia	1,258,835	539.58	1,258,835	539.58
Australia	Dollar	309.71	246.00	309.71	246.00
United States	Dollar	4,853.65	4,853.65
Marqaret Huang:									
Kenya	Dollar	705.00	705.00
Zaire	Dollar	630.00	630.00
Rwanda	Dollar	250.00	250.00
Tanzania	Shilling	92,535	155.00	92,535	155.00
United States	Dollar	6,454.95	6,454.95
Linda Rotblatt:									
Kenya	Dollar	705.00	705.00
Zaire	Dollar	630.00	630.00
Rwanda	Dollar	250.00	250.00
Tanzania	Shilling	92,535	155.00	92,535	155.00
United States	Dollar	6,454.95	6,454.95
Nancy Stetson:									
Vietnam	Dollar	2,090.00	2,090.00
Dong	Dong	1,000,000	91.00	1,000,000	91.00

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 1996—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
United States	Dollar				5,144.95				5,144.95
Puneet Talwar:									
Israel	Dollar		1,172.00						1,172.00
Jordan	Dollar		315.00						315.00
Syria	Dollar		1,026.00						1,026.00
United States	Dollar				2,303.00				2,303.00
Christopher Walker:									
Kenya	Dollar		956.00						956.00
Ethiopia	Dollar		500.00						500.00
Uganda	Dollar		375.00						375.00
Germany	Mark	866	580.00					866	580.00
United States	Dollar				6,676.00				6,676.00
Carter Pilcher:									
India	Rupee	9,431.00	262.00					9,431.00	262.00
Afghanistan	Dollar		1,032.00						1,032.00
Pakistan	Rupee	15,350	434.00					15,350	434.00
United States	Dollar				5,650.95				5,650.95
Michael Haltzel:									
Austria	Schilling	6,354.31	1,509.00					6,354.31	1,509.00
Bosnia	Schilling	3,088.46	1,196.00					3,088.46	1,196.00
United States	Dollar				3,569.15				3,569.15
Total			24,340.68		62,080.65				86,421.33

JESSE HELMS,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, Nov. 5, 1996.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 1996

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator J. Robert Kerrey			296.00		4,157.45				4,453.45
Christopher Straub			611.00		4,065.45				4,676.45
Senator Arlen Specter			1,486.54		635.36				2,121.90
Charles Robbins			1,804.44						1,804.44
Mark Heilbrun			2,644.60						2,644.60
Don Mitchell			2,402.40		4,436.55				6,838.95
Alfred Cumming			2,140.00		4,436.55				6,576.55
Melvin Dube			2,244.00		4,436.55				6,680.55
Kenneth Myers			6,172.65						6,172.65
Senator Richard Lugar			1,183.00						1,183.00
Arthur Grant			551.00		5,310.65				5,861.65
Craig Snyder			1,320.85		2,642.20				3,963.05
Senator Richard Lugar			803.00		3,298.25				4,101.25
Kenneth Myers			835.00		3,298.25				4,133.25
Senator Richard Shelby			1,566.00		6,186.25				7,752.25
Tom Young			1,574.00		6,186.25				7,760.25
Peter Dorn			2,430.25		5,958.25				8,388.50
Total			30,064.73		55,048.01				85,112.74

ARLEN SPECTER,
Chairman, Select Committee on Intelligence, Oct. 7, 1996.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 1996

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Patricia Ruggles:									
United States	Dollar		2,000.00		1,069.75				3,069.75
Total			2,000.00		1,069.75				3,069.75

CONNIE MACK,
Chairman, Joint Economic Committee, Oct. 9, 1996.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), FOR TRAVEL AUTHORIZED BY THE MAJORITY LEADER FROM JUNE 29 TO JULY 8, 1996

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Thad Cochran:									
Indonesia	Rupiah	520,250	225.00					520,250	225.00
Vietnam	Dollar		592.00						592.00
Hong Kong	Dollar	5,500	712.00					5,500	712.00
Mitchel Kugler:									
Indonesia	Rupiah	520,250	225.00					520,250	225.00
Vietnam	Dollar		592.00						592.00
Hong Kong	Dollar		712.00						712.00
Gregory McGinty:									
Indonesia	Rupiah	520,250	225.00					520,250	225.00
Vietnam	Dollar		592.00						592.00
Hong Kong	Dollar		712.00						712.00
Jan Paulk:									
Indonesia	Rupiah	520,250	225.00					520,250	225.00

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), FOR TRAVEL AUTHORIZED BY THE MAJORITY LEADER FROM JUNE 29 TO JULY 8, 1996—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Vietnam	Dollar		592.00						592.00
Hong Kong	Dollar		712.00						712.00
Delegation expenses: ¹									
Indonesia							429.00		429.00
Vietnam							554.15		554.15
Hong Kong							1,291.58		1,291.58
Total			6,116.00				2,274.73		8,390.73

¹ Delegation expenses include direct payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Section 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of Public Law 95-384.

TRENT LOTT,
Majority Leader, Oct. 23, 1996.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. LOTT. Madam President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that at 12 noon on Wednesday, January 22, the Senate proceed into executive session to consider the nomination of Madeleine Albright to be Secretary of State; further, that there be 2 hours of debate equally divided in the usual form on the nomination with an additional 10 minutes under the control of Senator SPECTER; that immediately following the expiration or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to a vote on the confirmation of the nomination; and, finally, that following the conclusion of the vote, the President be notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

ORDER TO PRINT CERTAIN MEASURES

Mr. LOTT. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following bills or resolutions that were introduced today be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD: Senate Joint Resolution 1, S. 1 through S. 20, Senate Resolution 15, S. 26, and S. 71.

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the minority leader, pursuant to Senate Resolution 105, adopted April 13, 1989, as amended by Senate Resolution 280, adopted October 8, 1994, announces the appointment of the following Senators as members of the Senate Arms Control Observer Group:

The Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN];

The Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD], designated to serve as minority administrative cochairman;

The Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BUMPERS];

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. DASCHLE];

The Senator from Ohio [Mr. GLENN];

The Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY];

The Senator from Nebraska [Mr. KERREY];

The Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], designated to serve as cochairman for the minority;

The Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN]; and

The Senator from Maryland [Mr. SARBANES].

Mr. LOTT. Madam President, I yield the floor at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ENZI). The Senator from Michigan.

(The remarks of Mr. LEVIN pertaining to the introduction of S. 11 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE OMNIBUS CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of House Joint Resolution 25, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 25) making technical corrections to the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 1997, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the joint resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the joint resolution be deemed read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 25) was deemed read the third time and passed.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1997

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until the hour of 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22; fur-

ther, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period for morning business until the hour of 12 noon, with Senators to speak for up to 5 minutes each, except for the following: Senator GRASSLEY, 60 minutes; Senator FEINSTEIN, 30 minutes; Senator DASCHLE, for 30 minutes.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. GRAMS. Tomorrow morning there will be a period of morning business to accommodate several Senators who have requested time. Under a previous order, at 12 noon, the Senate will enter executive session in order to consider the nomination of Madeleine Albright to be Secretary of State. A rollcall vote is expected on that nomination at the conclusion or yielding back of the debate time, with that vote expected at approximately 2 p.m. tomorrow, if most of that time is used.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator MURRAY of Washington.

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. MURRAY. 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 EDUCATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise today to thank Senator DASCHLE and all of my colleagues for the opportunity to discuss a topic frequently in