

amendments to the Interior appropriations bill will stay after the vote and further debate the amendments. I see that the manager of the bill is here.

Because of the agreement we reached and because of the good work that has been done, even though we haven't completed Interior, we are now going to have a finite list from which to work. In view of that, there will not be a session tomorrow. The next votes will be on Wednesday, September 8. I urge Senators to be here on the 8th because there will be votes, perhaps on the bankruptcy bill, or amendments to Interior. Members should expect votes on that Wednesday. In addition, there will be the cloture vote on Thursday.

I particularly thank the manager of the Tax Relief Act, Senator ROTH, who did an excellent job, and the ranking member, Senator MOYNIHAN, and a lot of the dedicated staff who put in long hours to make it possible. I appreciate the cooperation of all of our Senators to get this work done so we can have this period to go home and work our States during August. I hope everybody has a very prosperous, healthy, and enjoyable State work period. I appreciate the cooperation.

I yield the floor.

Mr. THURMOND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina is recognized.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 3 minutes as in morning business.

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

(The remarks of Mr. THURMOND pertaining to the introduction of S. Res. 178 are located in today's RECORD under "Submissions of concurrent and Senate resolutions.")

AMENDMENT TO THE AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 1938

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1543 introduced earlier today by Senator McCONNELL for himself and others.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1543) to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to release and protect the release of tobacco production and marketing information.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1543) was considered read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1543

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

SECTION 1. TOBACCO PRODUCTION AND MARKETING INFORMATION.

Part I of subtitle B of title III of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1311 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 320D. TOBACCO PRODUCTION AND MARKETING INFORMATION.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may, subject to subsection (b), release marketing information submitted by persons relating to the production and marketing of tobacco to State trusts or similar organizations engaged in the distribution of national trust funds to tobacco producers and other persons with interests associated with the production of tobacco, as determined by the Secretary.

“(b) LIMITATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Information may be released under subsection (a) only to the extent that—

“(A) the release is in the interest of tobacco producers, as determined by the Secretary; and

“(B) the information is released to a State trust or other organization that is created to, or charged with, distributing funds to tobacco producers or other parties with an interest in tobacco production or tobacco farms under a national or State trust or settlement.

“(2) EXEMPTION FROM RELEASE.—The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, in advance of making a release of information under subsection (a), allow, by announcement, a period of at least 15 days for persons whose consent would otherwise be required by law to effectuate the release, to elect to be exempt from the release.

“(c) ASSISTANCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In making a release under subsection (a), the Secretary may provide such other assistance with respect to information released under subsection (a) as will facilitate the interest of producers in receiving the funds that are the subject of a trust described in subsection (a).

“(2) FUNDS.—The Secretary shall use amounts made available for salaries and expenses of the Department to carry out paragraph (1).

“(d) RECORDS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A person that obtains information described in subsection (a) shall maintain records that are consistent with the purposes of the release and shall not use the records for any purpose not authorized under this section.

“(2) PENALTY.—A person that knowingly violates this subsection shall be fined not more than \$10,000, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

“(e) APPLICATION.—This section shall not apply to—

“(1) records submitted by cigarette manufacturers with respect to the production of cigarettes;

“(2) records that were submitted as expected purchase intentions in connection with the establishment of national tobacco quotas; or

“(3) records that aggregate the purchases of particular buyers.”

PERMISSION FOR TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ON THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 167, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 167) authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol grounds, and for other purposes.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1608

(Purpose: To amend H. Con. Res. 167, authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol grounds, to provide that health and safety requirements, including access for the disabled, be observed)

Mr. GORTON. There is an amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Washington [Mr. GORTON], for Mr. McCONNELL, proposes an amendment numbered 1608.

Page 1, line 4, delete all through line 7 on page 2 and insert the following:

“The Architect of the Capitol may permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol Grounds as follows:

“(a) As may be necessary for the demolition of the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America and the construction of a new building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America on Constitution Avenue Northwest between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest in a manner consistent with the terms of this resolution. Such work may include activities resulting in temporary obstruction of the curbside parking lane on Louisiana Avenue Northwest between Constitution Avenue Northwest and 1st Street Northwest, adjacent to the side of the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America on Louisiana Avenue Northwest. Such obstruction:

“(i) shall be consistent with the terms of subsections (b) and (c) below;

“(ii) shall not extend in width more than 8 feet from the curb adjacent to the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America; and

“(iii) shall extend in length along the curb of Louisiana Avenue Northwest adjacent to the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America, from a point 56 feet from the intersection of the curbs of Constitution Avenue Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest adjacent to the existing building of Carpenters and Joiners of America to a point to 40 feet from the intersection of the curbs of the Louisiana Avenue Northwest and 1st Street Northwest adjacent to the existing building of the Carpenter and Joiners of America.

“(b) Such construction shall include a covered walkway for pedestrian access, including access for disabled individuals, on Constitution Avenue Northwest between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest, to be constructed within the existing sidewalk area on Constitution Avenue Northwest adjacent to the existing building of the Carpenters and Joiners of America, to be constructed in accordance with specifications approved by the Architect of the Capitol.

“(c) Such construction shall ensure access to any existing fire hydrants by keeping clear a minimum radius of 3 feet around any

fire hydrants, or according to health and safety requirements as approved by the Architect of the Capitol."

On page 3, line 4, add the following new subsection:

"(c) No construction shall extend into the United States Capitol Grounds except as otherwise provided in section 1."

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 1608) was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 167), as amended, was agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000—CONTINUED

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, what is the business before the Senate?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The order is to recognize the Senator from Virginia, Mr. ROBB.

Mr. GORTON. Is the Interior bill the subject?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Interior bill is the pending business.

The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. ROBB. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, in discussions with the manager of the bill, the majority leader, and the Democratic leader, and understanding that the matter that I was going to raise would require fairly extensive debate and then a vote, thus delaying the departure of Members for the August recess—and remembering how fond Members have been of not bothering Members of this body when they were the last obstacle between leaving on the August recess and making one last vote—I have agreed with the distinguished manager of the bill, the Senator from Washington, not to offer the amendment. He has agreed to recognize me first when the bill is next before the Senate.

With that in mind, and knowing that many of our colleagues are, as I speak, heading for the airports, I will not offer the amendment I had planned to offer this evening. I will offer it when we next take up the Interior appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Virginia.

I had expected that we would have a vote on a point of order with respect to the section of the bill to which he refers tonight. He prefers, as is his right, to introduce a motion to strike this particular provision. That is, of course, a debatable motion and a motion that would be debated with some seriousness.

The majority leader has said the floor is available to debate amend-

ments tonight with the exception of the Senator from Virginia.

I don't see anyone here who I believe really wants to introduce and debate an amendment tonight. We will leave a resolution or any recorded vote until Wednesday, September 8.

One Senator, Mr. SMITH from Oregon, I know, wishes to debate the Senator from Virginia. If we can find him in the next 5 minutes or so, so that there could be a real debate, then I would be delighted to have the Senator from Virginia introduce his amendment. But I think we ought to have someone on both sides here in order to do it.

In the meantime, for a few minutes at least, we are searching around to see if there are any agreed-upon amendments that I can simply introduce and have offered and passed.

I also notice the presence of the Senator from Wyoming who waited patiently this morning with the Senator from Florida for a debate on a particular amendment which might possibly end up being determined by a voice vote.

I ask the Senator from Wyoming whether his partner from Florida is available this evening.

Mr. ENZI. We are checking.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I am going to suggest the absence of a quorum while we see whether or not in the next few minutes we can gather people together for at least one debate on one amendment before we adjourn for the recess.

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

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

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise in strong support for S. 1292, the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for FY 2000.

As a member of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee and the full Appropriations Committee, I appreciate the difficult task before the distinguished Chairman and Ranking Minority to balance the diverse priorities funded in this bill—from our public lands, to major Indian programs and agencies, energy conservation and research, and the Smithsonian and federal arts agencies. They have done a masterful job meeting important program needs within existing spending caps.

The pending bill provides \$14.0 billion in new budget authority and \$9.15 billion in new outlays to fund Department of Interior agencies, including the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the Minerals Management Service, and the U.S. Forest Service, the Indian

Health Service, the fossil energy and energy conservation programs of the Department of Energy, the Smithsonian, and federal arts and humanities agencies.

When outlays from prior-year budget authority and other completed actions are taken into account, the bill totals \$14.0 billion in budget authority and \$14.3 billion in outlays for FY 2000. The Senate Subcommittee is \$1 million in both budget authority and outlays below its revised 302(b) allocation. The bill is \$35 million in BA above, and \$104 million in outlays below, the bill recently passed by the House. The bill is \$1.1 billion in BA and \$0.7 billion in outlays below the President's budget request in large measure because the President's offsets to increased discretionary spending are not within the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Committee.

I commend the Subcommittee Chairman and Ranking Member for bringing this important measure to the floor within the 302(b) allocation. I urge the adoption of the bill, and I ask unanimous consent that the Budget Committee scoring of the bill be printed in the RECORD at this point.

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

S. 1292, INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS, 2000 SPENDING COMPARISONS—SENATE-REPORTED BILL

[Fiscal year 2000, in millions of dollars]

	General purpose	Crime	Mandatory	Total
Senate-reported bill:				
Budget authority	13,922	.....	59	13,981
Outlays	14,250	.....	83	14,333
Senate 302(b) allocation:				
Budget authority	13,923	.....	59	13,982
Outlays	14,251	.....	83	14,334
1999 level:				
Budget authority	13,800	.....	59	13,859
Outlays	13,994	.....	59	14,053
President's request				
Budget authority	15,046	.....	59	15,105
Outlays	14,992	.....	83	15,075
House-passed bill:				
Budget authority	13,887	.....	59	13,946
Outlays	14,354	.....	83	14,437
SENATE-REPORTED BILL COMPARED TO:				
Senate 302(b) allocation:				
Budget authority	(1)	.....		(1)
Outlays	(1)	.....		(1)
1999 level:				
Budget authority	122	.....		122
Outlays	256	.....	24	280
President request				
Budget authority	(1,124)	.....		(1,124)
Outlays	(742)	.....		(742)
House-passed bill:				
Budget authority	35	.....		35
Outlays	(104)	.....		(104)

Note—Details may not add to totals due to rounding. Totals adjusted for consistency with scorekeeping conventions.

MATERIALS R&D

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I wish to engage the Chairman in a brief colloquy regarding materials research and development efforts funded through the energy programs in the Interior appropriations bill.

Mr. GORTON. I will be happy to join the Ranking Member of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee in such a colloquy.

Mr. BYRD. I thank the senior Senator from Washington. Much of the