

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	Hoeven	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	McCaskey	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

College in East St. Louis and later La-Salle University in Chicago. He completed his theological studies at the Midwest Theological Seminary.

Rev. Scott was working as bookkeeper by trade, when he was approached about serving as president of the East St. Louis Chapter of the NAACP in 1982. He accepted, but didn't expect to be in the role for more than a year. At the time, he believed that it "was not his type of work."

It turned out to be exactly his type of work. He kept his office doors open 8 hours a day, 6 days a week for the following 32 years.

While he was with the NAACP, Reverend Scott led the effort to create opportunity for and prevent indignities against people of color. He made sure there was scholarship support for thousands of students over the years he served. He played a key role in the U.S. Department of Justice's settlement with the City of Belleville over racial bias in hiring. He helped with sensitivity training for local police. He played a part in mediating disputes around racial epithets used in public. And he represented communities of color on issues from cross burnings to State control of local schools. It is no surprise that membership in the NAACP Chapter in East St. Louis grew under his leadership.

On behalf of a grateful community, I thank the Reverend Scott, his wife Gretta Scott and his three children. He stood and gave voice to a community through 30 years of progress and setbacks, celebration and injury. His leadership has touched East St. Louis deeply. It has been an honor to work alongside Reverend Scott, and Loretta and I wish him and his family the best as he opens the next chapter in his life.

TRIBUTE TO JOE HUBBARD

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to thank a man that some in my hometown of East St. Louis call a saint and others call "Reverend Joe" although he is not a minister.

Joe Hubbard is the man you call in East St. Louis when you need help and have nowhere else to turn. When Joe was born his parents wanted to name him Raymond Lee. But the Irish priest who baptized him said he should have a good Irish name and so declared him Joseph Patrick, after St. Joseph the Worker. It turned out to be a fitting choice because Joe Hubbard has spent nearly his entire life doing the Lord's work.

He started 50 years ago as a volunteer with the St. Vincent DePaul Society in East St. Louis. Joe was 20 years old back then. He was working as a bookkeeper for the East Side Levee and Sanitary District to help support his widowed mother, but his real joy was helping the poor. Every minute that Joe wasn't working, he was volunteering with St. Vincent DePaul.

After a while Joe quit his job to volunteer full-time to help the people he

calls "God's broken people," the poor, the homeless and the friendless of East St. Louis. He did this for a decade.

In 1972, about a dozen priests, nuns and lay leaders in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Belleville drafted a petition that was later signed by every priest then serving East St. Louis. The petition asked the bishop of the diocese to create a small salary for Joe so that he could continue his good works under the auspices of the Catholic Church. Thus was born in 1973 a new social service agency, Catholic Urban Programs or CUP, as it is sometimes called—with Joe Hubbard as coordinator and sole employee.

CUP's purpose is to perform the works of mercy that Jesus asked of his followers when he told them, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

CUP helps "the in-between people." It fills needs that other organizations, public and private, don't address. In the beginning CUP's services included emergency help, prison ministries and advocacy and guardianships for people who could not manage their own affairs.

Over the decades its programs have grown to include shelters for homeless women, children and families in East St. Louis, a food pantry and a neighborhood law office to provide poor people with legal assistance. Another program, the Griffin Center, offers tutoring and afterschool programs for more than 450 children living in four housing projects in East St. Louis.

On any given day, Joe might give someone money for bus tickets, visit a lonely person in a nursing home, tell stories to children at a day care center, find housing for a family that has been evicted, serve meals at a soup kitchen, attend a funeral and sit up all night at the bedside of someone who is dying and alone.

Above all, what CUP and Joe Hubbard offer is unconditional love. Joe does not hesitate to do work that others might consider too menial or dirty. He will mop up after a sick alcoholic. Twenty years ago, Joe and his right-hand man at CUP, Gerry Hasenstab, found a man living in his car. He was in his 50s and dying. He had open sores and maggots in his arms. His only wish was not to die dirty, in a car. Joe and Gerry got him admitted to a hospital to spend his last hours in a clean bed.

Support for the programs comes from churches and individuals, including many who have been helped by CUP agencies in the past. One woman gave part of her first paycheck to CUP after she got a job. A widow paid CUP back for the money it gave her to help with her husband's funeral.

After the Mississippi River overflowed its banks in 1993, CUP gave a farmer \$400 to buy seed and school supplies. That farmer has sent CUP \$100 every quarter—\$400 a year every year for the last 20 years.

Joe's compassion for others is partly rooted in his own family's misfortune.

Joe is the youngest of four children of Edward and Olga Hubbard. His dad was a steamfitter. When Joe was in grade school his father was badly injured on the job. He lived with constant wrenching pain for 8 years before dying of cancer.

The loss of his father's income hit Joe's family hard. Men and women from the St. Vincent de Paul Society brought food and coal to help the Hubbards survive. Joe said those volunteers inspired him.

He said, "I remember the dedication they showed, the way they reached out and helped others in need through their love of Christ. And I appreciated that they did it in a quiet manner that enabled people to keep their dignity. Their love of God and love of people inspired me to want to do God's work, too." And that is what Joe Hubbard has done his entire life.

In early November, after 40 years of selfless service, Joe Hubbard announced that he was stepping down as coordinator of CUP. At 70, Joe is starting to get a little tired. He's got diabetes, high blood pressure and bad feet, and the arthritis that has pained him his whole life is getting worse.

On Jan. 1, Gerry Hasenstab, Joe's right hand man at CUP for the last 36 years ago, took over as the agency's new coordinator. But don't think for a minute that Joe Hubbard is finished helping people. Joe also still maintains the Belleville Diocese's two cemeteries. And he still volunteers regularly for the St. Vincent DePaul Society and has a small office in their building, which is right next door to CUP.

When CUP started, they got about two dozen calls a day for help. Now they get about 60 calls a day. Last year, CUP programs helped more than 24,000 people in East St. Louis and St. Clair County.

In a letter announcing his decision to step down, Joe wrote: "As I sit here and realize how the times have changed over the past 40 years of Catholic Urban Programs' existence, I am both amazed and discouraged. Technology has made our lives so much easier and efficient in so many ways. High-efficiency furnaces lower our utility bills. But if a family can't pay for the gas or electric, they are useless."

Technological advances are great for some, Joe added. But they've made life even harder for the needy because non-skilled jobs they used to count on to make a living have nearly disappeared.

A couple years ago, Joe noticed violets blooming on a hill near a burned-out house. He thought it was a sign of hope.

He said: "You have to be a believer to be a survivor."

Joe's belief is that God is in every person and that it is not just a responsibility but a privilege to help those he calls "God's broken people." That belief has defined his life and it has made