

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006—CONFERENCE REPORT—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2863, the Defense appropriations bill.

Mr. REID. I object.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I move to proceed to the conference report.

Mr. REID. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. The following Senators were necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 94, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 359 Leg.]

YEAS—94

- List of Senators voting YEAS: Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Allen, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brownback, Bunning, Burns, Byrd, Cantwell, Carper, Chafee, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dayton, DeMint, DeWine, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Murray, Enzi, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Santorum, Sarbanes, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Talent, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Wyden, Mikulski, Murkowski, Ensign, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Frist, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Santorum, Sarbanes, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Talent, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Wyden.

NAYS—1

Jeffords

NOT VOTING—5

- List of Senators NOT VOTING: Biden, Burr, Corzine, Dodd, McCain

The motion was agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006—CONFERENCE REPORT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2863) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, having met, have agreed that the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, and the Senate agree to the same, Signed by a majority of the conferees on the part of both Houses.

(The conference report is printed in the RECORD in the Proceedings of the House on Sunday, December 18, 2005.)

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2863, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2006.

Bill Frist, John Cornyn, John Thune, Jeff Sessions, Lindsey Graham, Saxby Chambliss, Richard Shelby, Jon Kyl, Mike Crapo, Mitch McConnell, Ted Stevens, Thad Cochran, C.S. Bond, Conrad Burns, Pete Domenici, Judd Gregg, John Warner.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I move to proceed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1815, the Defense authorization bill.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. The following Senators were necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MARTINEZ). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 95, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 360 Leg.]

YEAS—95

- List of Senators voting YEAS: Akaka, Alexander, Allard, Allen, Baucus, Bayh, Bennett, Bingaman, Bond, Boxer, Brownback, Bunning, Burns, Byrd, Cantwell, Carper, Chafee, Chambliss, Clinton, Coburn, Cochran, Coleman, Collins, Conrad, Cornyn, Craig, Crapo, Dayton, DeMint, DeWine, Dole, Domenici, Dorgan, Durbin, Ensign, Murray, Enzi, Feingold, Feinstein, Frist, Graham, Grassley, Gregg, Hagel, Harkin, Hatch, Hutchison, Inhofe, Inouye, Isakson, Jeffords, Johnson, Kennedy, Kerry, Kohl, Kyl, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Leahy, Levin, Lieberman, Lincoln, Lott, Lugar, Martinez, McConnell, Mikulski, Murkowski, Murray, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Obama, Pryor, Reed, Reid, Roberts, Rockefeller, Salazar, Santorum, Sarbanes, Schumer, Sessions, Shelby, Smith, Snowe, Specter, Stabenow, Stevens, Sununu, Talent, Thomas, Thune, Vitter, Voinovich, Warner, Wyden.

NOT VOTING—5

- List of Senators NOT VOTING: Biden, Burr, Corzine, Dodd, McCain

The motion was agreed to.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006—CONFERENCE REPORT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1815), to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, having met, have agreed that the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, and the Senate agree to the same, signed by a majority of the conferees on the part of both Houses.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will proceed to the consideration of the conference report.

(The conference report is reprinted in the House proceedings of the RECORD of Sunday, December 18, 2005.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the