

Adjustment	1998	13,000,000
Revised aggregate		173,013,000,000

I hereby submit revisions to the 1998 Senate Appropriations Committee budget authority and outlay allocations, pursuant to section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act, in the following amounts:

Budget authority:

Current Appropriations Committee allocation	1998	\$788,769,000,000
Adjustment		3,741,000,000
Revised Appropriations Committee allocation		792,510,000,000

Outlays:

Current Appropriations Committee allocation	824,665,000,000
Adjustment	13,000,000
Revised Appropriations Committee allocation	824,678,000,000

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. BAUCUS. 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.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

CONGRATULATING SENATOR ENZI

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I want to observe what an excellent job the Presiding Officer has done over the last 2 days. He was there until the wee hours, or late hours last night, and has been in the chair most of the day. The Senator from Wyoming has done an excellent job. We appreciate his work.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I announce when the Senate returns following the Independence Day recess, the Senate will return to consideration of the Department of Defense authorization bill. I want all Senators to know in advance it is my intent to complete action on that bill—the DOD authorization bill—that week, and I intend to stay with it even though it means votes on Friday, July 11, and even on Saturday, if necessary.

We have a lot of work to do. Earlier this year, because we were in a new Congress, some of the committees were not able to get their bills out, but we now have a lot of bills that are coming to the floor. The appropriations bills will be coming in rapid order. We have bills such as the FDA reform legislation, wildlife refuge bill, Amtrak reform, a whole number of bills. We are just going to have to work on Fridays, and we should begin, certainly, with the Department of Defense authorization bill.

In order to expedite action on the bill, I want any amendments that are going to be offered to be delivered to the committee. We would like for them to be given to the Armed Services Committee as soon as possible next week. The Armed Services staff will work through the recess to clear the amendments of any Senators that do have amendments they want to offer. So we urge Senators to make us aware of the amendments they have.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate turn to S. 936, the Department of Defense authorization bill.

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

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 936) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. LOTT. 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 assistant 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 calendar No. 88, S. 936, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1998: Trent Lott, Strom Thurmond, Jesse Helms, Pete Domenici, R. F. Bennett, Dan Coats, John Warner, Phil Gramm, Thad Cochran, Larry E. Craig, Ted Stevens, Tim Hutchinson, Jon Kyl, Rick Santorum, Mike DeWine, and Spencer Abraham.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, we will go to the DOD authorization bill on Monday, July 7. Senators who have amendments are urged to offer them during the day on Monday. However, no votes will occur during Monday's session of the Senate.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote occur at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, and the mandatory quorum of rule XXII be waived.

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

Mr. LOTT. Under rule XXII, all first-degree amendments must be filed with the clerk by 1 p.m. on Monday, July 7. All second-degree amendments must be filed just prior to the cloture vote on Tuesday.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2014

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now re-

sume consideration of H.R. 2014, the Tax Fairness Act and that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I did not hear that. Are we talking about the appointment of conferees?

Mr. LOTT. We are, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I suggest that I would like to have an opportunity to confer with the leader on this matter.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, before I resume my unanimous-consent request, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. 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. LOTT. Mr. President, I believe we had gotten unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment and request a conference with regard to H.R. 2014, and to authorize appointment of conferees on the part of the Senate. Is that correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

There being no objection, the Chair appointed, from the Committee on Finance, Mr. ROTH, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. MOYNIHAN; from the Committee on Budget, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. CONRAD, conferees on the part of the Senate.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2015

Mr. LOTT. I now ask unanimous consent the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2015, the Balanced Budget Act, and the Senate insist on its amendment and request a conference with the House on disagreeing votes, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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

The Chair appointed, from the Committee on the Budget, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CONRAD, and Mrs. BOXER; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. HARKIN; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. SARBANES; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. HOLLINGS; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Mr. MURKOSWIKI, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. BUMPERS; from the Committee on Finance, Mr. ROTH, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. MOYNIHAN; from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, Mr. THOMPSON, Ms.