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Rural Utilities Service:
Encourages Agriculture Department to give consideration to the following applications for distance learning and medical link program funds:

University of Colorado Health Science Center telemedicine project

Demonstration project with Maui Community College

Hawaii Community Hospital system

Nutrition education activities of the University of Hawaii's Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources College

Vermont Department of Education proposal to provide high schools in rural areas with two-way audio/video connections

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I want to renew my unanimous-consent request, with the modifications that we think are appropriate at this time. So I will begin again.

I ask unanimous consent that the following be the only remaining amendments in order, and limited to relevant second-degree amendment and votes ordered with respect to those amendments be stacked to occur beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday, with 2 minutes for debate between each stacked vote, equally divided, except that there will be 10 minutes prior to the Wellstone amendment.

Those amendments are as follows and subject to time restraints where noted:

Grams, on dairy compact; Wellstone, on school breakfast; a manager's package; a Bingaman amendment on CRP; Robb, concerning farmers' civil rights, and a Johnson amendment with regard to livestock packers.

I further ask that following disposition of the amendments, the Senate then proceed to vote on S. 1033 and, following passage, the bill remain at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Therefore, there will be no further rollcall votes this evening. The next rollcall votes will be a series of votes completing action on the Agriculture appropriations bill occurring at 10 a.m.

I yield the floor.

Mr. BUMPERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be permitted to proceed for 3 minutes.

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

Mr. BUMPERS. Mr. President, I am sorry the Senator from Arizona, Mr. MCCAIN, left the floor. He listed a number of what he called earmarks, and the implication was that any money in this bill earmarked for specific kinds of research or specific kinds of personnel in a particular State was—he didn't say it in these words, but that it was pork and that earmarks are automatically bad. I could not disagree more. Every earmark the Senator from Arizona mentioned tonight, listed tonight in the bill, he was absolutely correct about it. Every one of them were for research projects.

I said in my opening statement this morning that it is a tragedy that in

this country we have become complacent about our food supplies, and, yet, we are adding 2 million people a year in this Nation alone to feed, and almost 100 million people a year worldwide to feed. And at the same time in this Nation, as we add 2 million people to feed, we are also taking between 2 million and 3 million acres of arable land out of cultivation for airports, urban sprawl, housing, you name it.

Now, it is quite obvious to me that when you spend about \$1.2 billion for research—I don't know precisely how much is in this bill, but when you consider the fact that we spend \$13 billion a year on medical research, which I applaud, \$13 billion a year for NASA, all of which I applaud—except space station, of course—and \$36 billion to \$40 billion—I believe \$40 billion we approved the other day to make things explode in the Defense authorization bill, without so much as a whimper from one person in this body—about \$40 billion in research and development.

I am not saying it is all bad. All I am saying is here is poor old agriculture which is going to be charged with the responsibility—and is charged with the responsibility—of providing a good, safe, reliable food supply for this country. The American housewife spends 10 cents of every dollar for food, the lowest of any nation on Earth. And to suggest that somehow or other these items in here simply because they earmarked are bad and a waste of money—I can tell you, for example, that the new poultry and meat inspection system which is being implemented right now as the ultimate in providing safe food for us to eat is the result of a very small appropriation to a consortium of the University of Arkansas, Kansas State, and Iowa State—one of the best bargains we ever got. And every dime of it was earmarked to start that program several years ago.

Mr. President, I am about to get exercised. And I could go on with all the earmarks that have provided great research for this country that we have all benefited from.

I know there is some pork in this bill, as there is in every bill. But I can tell you just because someone says it is for the State of Mississippi or the State of Arkansas doesn't mean it is bad. The truth of matter is we have reaped tremendous benefits from some of these earmarks.

I yield the floor.

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I must say that I agree with the Senator from Arkansas on the last part of his comments.

THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM ACT
—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I have a motion that I need to file. I believe that there is a Senator who will want to object on this.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now turn to the consideration of Calendar 109, S. 39, regarding the International Dolphin Conservation Program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. BUMPERS. Yes. With some reluctance, Mr. President, I must object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, in light of the objection, I now move to proceed to S. 39, and I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

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 the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 109, S. 39, the International Dolphin Conservation Program Act:

Trent Lott, Fred Thompson, Larry Craig, Don Nickles, Chuck Grassley, Christopher Bond, Pete Domenici, Alfonse D'Amato, Thad Cochran, James Jeffords, Bill Frist, Olympia Snowe, Rick Santorum, Lauch Faircloth, Daniel Coats, and Ted Stevens.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, this cloture vote will occur on Friday at a time to be determined by the majority leader after consultation with the Democratic leader.

I understand that there is a good likelihood that a compromise agreement has been worked out on this. If it has, that would be what I really want to do.

I am pushing this issue at the request of the President of the United States. I think it is a good conservation policy.

But if an agreement has been worked out between the differing sides, that would be our preference. If that is the case we would vitiate, of course, the cloture, and not have a vote.

But as it now would stand we would have the opportunity for this vote on Friday.

So I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

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

Mr. LOTT. It will be the intention of the leadership to schedule this vote to occur on Friday.

I now withdraw the motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion to proceed is withdrawn.

Mr. LOTT. I yield the floor.

I believe we are ready to proceed with the order.