

And it is not an education amendment. It is my understanding that an education amendment on our side is being objected to. We are going to have a vote here in a minute.

I want to, in closing, stress that this is a bipartisan proposal and one of the most dogged, persistent attempts to get this legislation passed with both Republican and Democrat components. The good Senator from New Jersey, Mr. TORRICELLI—and there are a number of Senators on the other side of the aisle—a good number—who want this legislation passed; 70 percent of it has now been designed by the other side of the aisle. They want to get to the substance of the education debate—the good Senator from Illinois. If we can get to the debate, it is going to have a chance. That is an education proposal. We handle it our way; they handle it their way. We will debate it. But what we are saying is, there ought to be a debate on education. We have spent an inordinate amount of time avoiding the debate.

Mr. President, I presume my time has expired.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator presumes incorrectly. He has 1 minute and 15 seconds.

Mr. COVERDELL. In deference to my colleagues, I yield my time.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provision of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on H.R. 2646, the A+ Education Act:

Trent Lott, Paul Coverdell, Jeff Sessions, Connie Mack, Bill Roth, Judd Gregg, Christopher Bond, Tim Hutchinson, Larry E. Craig, Robert F. Bennett, Mike DeWine, Jim Inhofe, Bill Frist, Bob Smith, Wayne Allard, Pat Roberts.

CALL OF THE ROLL

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the quorum call under the rule has been waived.

VOTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on H.R. 2646, the A+ Education Act, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are required under the rule. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 58, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 46 Leg.]

YEAS—58

Abraham	Brownback	Collins
Allard	Burns	Coverdell
Ashcroft	Campbell	Craig
Bennett	Chafee	D'Amato
Bond	Coats	DeWine
Breaux	Cochran	Domenici

Enzi	Jeffords
Faircloth	Kempthorne
Frist	Kyl
Gorton	Lieberman
Gramm	Lott
Grams	Lugar
Grassley	Mack
Gregg	McCain
Hagel	McConnell
Hatch	Murkowski
Helms	Nickles
Hutchinson	Roberts
Hutchison	Roth
Inhofe	Santorum

NAYS—42

Akaka	Feingold	Lautenberg
Baucus	Feinstein	Leahy
Biden	Ford	Levin
Bingaman	Glenn	Mikulski
Boxer	Graham	Moseley-Braun
Bryan	Harkin	Moynihan
Bumpers	Hollings	Murray
Byrd	Inouye	Reed
Cleland	Johnson	Reid
Conrad	Kennedy	Robb
Daschle	Kerrey	Rockefeller
Dodd	Kerry	Sarbanes
Dorgan	Kohl	Wellstone
Durbin	Landrieu	Wyden

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 58, the nays are 42. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The majority leader.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk on the pending Coverdell A+ Education Act.

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 provision of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on H.R. 2646, the A+ Education Act:

Trent Lott, Paul Coverdell, Craig Thomas, Rod Grams, Chuck Hagel, Tim Hutchinson, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Mike DeWine.

Bob Bennett, John McCain, Don Nickles, Chuck Grassley, Mitch McConnell, Wayne Allard, Phil Gramm, John Ashcroft.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be in order. The majority leader.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, this cloture vote, then, would occur on Monday of next week, at a time to be determined by the majority leader after notification of the minority leader. I presume that will be around our normal voting time, at 5:30 on Monday.

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

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S.J. RES. 43

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 43 regarding

Mexico decertification which includes a waiver provision, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration under the following terms: The time between now and 7:25 be equally divided between the two leaders.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

MEXICO FOREIGN AID DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, in light of the objection, I now ask the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 42, regarding Mexico decertification, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration under the same terms as described above for S.J. Res. 43.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, having just reached this agreement, I expect this rollcall vote to occur at 7:25 this evening or earlier if time can be yielded back. But the vote on the Mexico decertification issue will occur at 7:25.

I thank the leader for working with us on this, and also Senator FEINSTEIN and Senator COVERDELL. They have been very cooperative. I believe this is enough time to lay the issue before the Senate and have a vote.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 42) to disapprove the certification of the President under section 490(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 regarding foreign assistance for Mexico during fiscal year 1998.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That pursuant to subsection (d) of section 490 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291j), Congress disapproves the determination of the President with respect to Mexico for fiscal year 1998 that is contained in the certification (transmittal no. 98-15) submitted to Congress by the President under subsection (b) of that section on February 26, 1998.

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. BIDEN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, as the manager of this resolution—parliamentary inquiry, is there a division of time? Is there controlled time?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Time is equally divided between now and 7:25. So roughly 1 hour—

Mr. BIDEN. Roughly an hour and a half divided equally.

Mr. President, I say to those who support the position that I will be managing, which is that we should support the President's position and not support my good friend from California,