

stretch of view, Social Security reform could include a tax cut measure, perhaps in the interest of raising some retirement benefit that someone might have?

Mr. DOMENICI. No, unequivocally no.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. So it could only be used for Social Security reform, which would mean what?

Mr. DOMENICI. It means any programmatic reform that the Congress of the United States passed and a President signed that increases the longevity of the trust fund and makes the Social Security program available for longer periods of time, increasing the solvency of the fund and guaranteeing the payments.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. I thank the Senator.

Mr. DOMENICI. Let me close this. If nobody objects, we can vote 30 seconds early.

I thank everybody for their participation. From my standpoint, I wish we had a reform-Social-Security package before us. That is my wish. But since we do not, we ought to leave the money there until we do. I hope everybody understands it is easy to make excuses; it is hard to come up with things that will really lock this money up. We have one before us today.

I yield back my time. And obviously, the yeas and nays have been ordered; have they not?

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative assistant 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 pending amendment No. 254 to Calendar No. 89, S. 557, a bill to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as part of the budget process:

Trent Lott, Pete V. Domenici, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Jeff Sessions, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Craig Thomas, Slade Gorton, Chuck Hagel, Spencer Abraham, Thad Cochran, Pat Roberts, Conrad Burns, Christopher S. Bond, John Ashcroft, Jon Kyl, and Mike DeWine.

VOTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on amendment No. 254 to Senate bill 557, a bill to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as part of the budget process, shall be brought to a close?

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

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN) is absent due to surgery.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN) would vote "no."

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 54, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 90 Leg.]

YEAS—54

Abraham	Fitzgerald	McCain
Allard	Frist	McConnell
Ashcroft	Gorton	Murkowski
Bennett	Gramm	Nickles
Bond	Grams	Roberts
Brownback	Grassley	Santorum
Bunning	Gregg	Sessions
Burns	Hagel	Shelby
Campbell	Hatch	Smith (NH)
Chafee	Helms	Smith (OR)
Cochran	Hutchinson	Snowe
Collins	Hutchison	Specter
Coverdell	Inhofe	Stevens
Craig	Jeffords	Thomas
Crapo	Kyl	Thompson
DeWine	Lott	Thurmond
Domenici	Lugar	Voinovich
Enzi	Mack	Warner

NAYS—45

Akaka	Edwards	Levin
Baucus	Feingold	Lieberman
Bayh	Feinstein	Lincoln
Biden	Graham	Mikulski
Bingaman	Harkin	Murray
Boxer	Hollings	Reed
Breaux	Inouye	Reid
Bryan	Johnson	Robb
Byrd	Kennedy	Rockefeller
Cleland	Kerrey	Roth
Conrad	Kerry	Sarbanes
Daschle	Kohl	Schumer
Dodd	Landrieu	Torricelli
Dorgan	Lautenberg	Wellstone
Durbin	Leahy	Wyden

NOT VOTING—1

Moynihan

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 54, the nays are 45. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST— S. 96

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now turn to the consideration of Calendar No. 34, S. 96 regarding an orderly resolution to the Y2K problems.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. HOLLINGS. I object.

Y2K ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. LOTT. I now move to proceed to S. 96, and 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, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 34, S. 96, the Y2K legislation:

Trent Lott, John McCain, Rick Santorum, Spencer Abraham, Judd Gregg, Pat Roberts, Wayne Allard, Rod Grams, Jon Kyl, Larry Craig, Bob Smith, Craig Thomas, Paul Coverdell, Pete Domenici, Don Nickles, and Phil Gramm.

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I regret having to file a cloture motion on this important piece of legislation. However, we need to have a vote on Monday afternoon so that Members will be here. We can have committee meetings hopefully Monday and Tuesday.

We have a number of very important issues that need to be considered by committees. We need to move forward on the now two supplemental appropriations requests that we have. So we are going to have a vote on Monday in any case.

But also I think this is very important legislation in and of itself. It is important that we get up and get started on the discussion. I had hoped we could actually work on it today and tomorrow. But because of the NATO meeting and the congestion and the concerns about access to and from the Capitol, we will not be in session on tomorrow. That gives the Members who are working together—Senator MCCAIN I know is working with others, Senator BIDEN, Senator DODD—time to try to work out some of the remaining problems on this legislation.

We can go forward with this cloture vote on Monday afternoon. Or, if something is worked out where it is not necessary, we could still vitiate the cloture vote.

We need to get this done. This is urgent. The clock is ticking. We are moving towards 2000. This liability, this problem, is hanging over us like a sword. I think it is important that we go forward. I hope that next week—Tuesday or Wednesday, certainly—we will be in the substance of the bill and we can get to a final conclusion on the substance.

I encourage Members on both sides of the aisle to work together to see if we can't resolve this issue and move it on into conference.

I thank Senator MCCAIN, Senator HATCH, and Senators from both sides who have been working on it.

Having said that, I ask unanimous consent that Friday be considered the intervening day under the provisions of rule XXII.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. KERRY addressed the Chair.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if I could, if there was not an objection, I would be glad to yield to the Senator from Massachusetts for a question.

May I confirm that there is not an objection to that request?

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I would be glad to yield to the Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I thank the majority leader for yielding. I simply wanted to inform him, I wasn't on the floor at the moment the objection was raised to the Senate proceeding as Senator MCCAIN hoped to do.

I want to say that I had a discussion with Senator MCCAIN, Senator DODD,