

H.R. 1906, AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS, 2000; SPENDING COMPARISONS—SENATE-REPORTED BILL—Continued

(Fiscal Year 2000 \$ millions)

SENATE-REPORTED BILL COMPARED TO:			
Senate 302(b) allocation:			
Budget authority			
Outlays			
1999 level:			
Budget authority	(22)	8,835	8,813
Outlays	161	(341)	(180)
President's request:			
Budget authority	(537)		(537)
Outlays	(577)		(577)
House-passed bill:			
Budget authority	101		101
Outlays	(254)		(254)

Note: Details may not add to totals due to rounding. Totals adjusted for consistency with scorekeeping conventions.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I know of no other statements or amendments to be submitted.

I suggest that we are ready for third reading of the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under order of the Senate, H.R. 1906 is discharged and the Senate will proceed to the bill. All after the enacting clause is stricken, and the text of S. 1233 is inserted, H.R. 1906 is read a third time and passed, the Senate insists on its amendment, requests a conference with the House, and the Chair appoints Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BOND, Mr. GORTON, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BURNS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KOHL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BYRD conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I want to take this opportunity to commend Senator COCHRAN for the great job he has done in handling this matter. There were a lot of interesting matters that came up and a lot of amendments that he had to consider. He has handled all of them skillfully and ably. We are very proud of the manner in which he has handled it. I also wish to commend the able Senator KOHL for working with him so well and doing such a fine job. We are very fortunate to have these fine men to handle this matter in such a skillful manner.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I thank very much the distinguished President pro tempore, the Senator from South Carolina, Mr. THURMOND, for his generous remarks and his assistance in the handling of this bill of the Senate. His leadership is legendary. His influence in this body continues to be very important. We are grateful for his continued service in the Senate.

I also want to commend members of our staffs who have been so diligent and so effective in the handling of the duties they have assumed in connec-

tion with the development of this legislation and the passage of the bill. I specifically want to commend: Mark Keenum, my chief of staff; Rebecca Davies, chief clerk of the subcommittee; Hunt Shipman, Martha Scott Poindexter, Les Spivey, and Buddy Allen. They have all been very helpful and very conscientious and discharged their responsibilities in a professional and very praiseworthy way. I am deeply grateful for their good help.

On the Democratic side of the aisle, my good friend and colleague from Wisconsin is serving as a manager of this bill for the first time. He has done a great job helping us sort through the requests and the amendments that have been suggested in helping guide this bill to passage. We have not agreed on everything, but we worked through our disagreements in a cordial way. I appreciate very much his leadership on the Democratic side and the way he has handled his responsibilities.

I also want to thank the staff members who have worked on the Democratic side on this bill: Paul Bock, who is the chief of staff of Senator KOHL; Kate Sparks, his legislative director; Galen Fountain, who is an experienced member of the subcommittee staff, having worked for Senator Bumpers and others since his time here as a member of the Senate staff; and Carole Geagley. We appreciate the opportunity to work with all these fine folks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin.

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I take this moment to thank Senator COCHRAN who has been an extremely fine and fair chairman. He has done a tremendous job in shepherding this bill through. I thank also Becky Davies of his subcommittee, and I express my appreciation to Galen Fountain, Paul Bock, and Kate Sparks of my side. They have done a tremendous job and been of great assistance to me. I couldn't have done my job without their help.

I am very pleased we have reached this point.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the order of the Senate of June 30, having received H.R. 2606, the Senate will proceed to the bill, all after the enacting clause is stricken, and the text of S. 1234 is inserted. H.R. 2606, as amended, is read a third time and passed. The Senate insists on its amendment, requests a conference with the House, and the Chair appoints Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. BOND, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, and

Mr. BYRD conferees on the part of the Senate.

The bill (H.R. 2606), as amended, was passed.

(The text of S. 1234 was printed in the RECORD of July 1, 1999)

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

WILLIE MORRIS, HONORING THE LIFE OF A GREAT SOUTHERN WRITER

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, earlier this week, author Willie Morris, a native of Mississippi, passed away from an apparent heart attack at the young age of 64. Mr. Morris was a writer and editor who painted a vivid picture of the Southern way of life unlike any literary figure since William Faulkner. Mr. Morris had the heart of a good ole country boy who grew up in Yazoo City, and the intellect of a Rhodes Scholar.

Mr. Morris later went on to become a major literary leader, becoming editor and chief of Harper's Magazine at the age of 32. He attained national prominence in his career as a journalist, non-fiction writer, novelist, editor, and essayist by writing more than a dozen books on subjects ranging from his childhood English fox terrier in "My Dog Skip" to the intersection of football and race in "The Courting of Marcus Dupree." Critics have characterized Mr. Morris's works as being "exquisite and lyrical rendering." He was particularly well known for the books and articles in which he compared his experiences and southern heritage to America's own history.

Rather than attend the University of Mississippi, his father had him go to the distant and alien environs of the University of Texas in Austin, but in 1980 he returned to Ole Miss to be the writer in residence. His class room has been described like being at an Ole Miss v. LSU football game, because the students were always so excited.

Mr. President, Mr. Morris has been described as being "a prolific author in his own life, defining moments of intimacy and compassion."

David Sansing, a retired University of Mississippi historian said this about Mr. Morris, "Willie was such an honest voice, clear, vivid, never ambiguous. He had to leave the South to really confirm his own Southernness. But of course, he came back."

Willie Morris's writing undoubtedly had a grave impact on the lives of Mississippians and Southerners alike. He is survived by his wife, JoAnne Prichard of Jackson, and his son David Rae of New Orleans.