

the tabling of any amendment) that prevents a cost of living adjustment for Members of Congress shall not receive the amount of that adjustment.

That is a very logical and responsible thing to do. I am looking for something else to put this on so that next year, when the annual hypocrisy day comes, we will be able to be a little bit more responsible.

I yield the floor.

• Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I want to voice my support for amendment No. 2062 offered by my good friend JON KYL, to revoke the scheduled 1.9 percent salary increase for Members of Congress. As a cosponsor of this amendment, I believe that at this point in time it is not fiscally responsible or appropriate for Members of Congress to increase our pay. The Federal Government is currently running a \$7.9 trillion budget deficit. I do not believe that it is in the best interest of the United States or the American taxpayers for Members of Congress to vote in favor of a congressional pay raise.

The annual cost of living adjustment for Members of Congress is determined by a formula which automatically takes effect unless Congress prohibits or revises it, which is what I hope my colleagues and I will accomplish today. Under the annual Member pay adjustment procedure, Members are scheduled to receive a 1.9-percent increase in January 2006. With the growing national debt, skyrocketing budget deficit, and increased Federal expenditures expected as a result of the hurricanes this year, it is essential that we exercise fiscal restraint and avoid unnecessary and wasteful spending. We should first start with ourselves and set an example for others to follow. I have been and remain a strong proponent of smaller government, a balanced Federal budget, and lower taxes.

Today, I am in my home State of Georgia with the Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns, working to develop and promote new technologies which will increase agricultural production and expand job growth. For this reason, I am unable to be present for the vote. I encourage my colleagues to seize this opportunity and demonstrate personal leadership in bringing the Federal budget deficit and spending back under control by supporting this amendment. I have consistently opposed a pay raise for Members of Congress throughout my tenure in Congress and urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this amendment. •

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I am pleased to join my colleague Senator KYL in sponsoring the pending amendment. This week the Senate begins the difficult but necessary process of budget reconciliation. When we passed the budget resolution on April 28, 2005, we all knew that tough votes were ahead as we set the Federal priorities for spending. However, none of us anticipated the devastation that would be caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita hitting the gulf coast. The tremendous

toll caused by those natural disasters has forced us again to reevaluate our priorities.

This amendment is something we all should support. At a time when we are asking the American people to tighten their belts, it is not the time for members of Congress to increase our salary. We should be mindful of our actions and take this opportunity to do our part by removing this pay increase. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that this amendment will achieve a savings of \$2 million in both budget authority and outlays for fiscal year 2006.

I intend to do my part and vote for the Kyl amendment and urge my colleagues to do the same.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to add Senator CHAMBLISS as an original cosponsor of the amendment.

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

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, if there is no one else who desires to speak at this time, 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. GRASSLEY. 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. GRASSLEY. I would ask to be recognized for 12 minutes as if in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator will note that under the previous order, a vote is scheduled to occur at 12:10 p.m.

Mr. GRASSLEY. OK. I will quit then. Is that OK?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the modification?

Mr. LEAHY. Reserving the right to object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. What was the request?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa wishes to be recognized as if in morning business until 12:10 p.m.

Mr. LEAHY. I have no objection. Some of us have a luncheon to go to. I don't want to go beyond 12:30. Of course, I will not object to the request of my friend from Iowa.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senator from Iowa is recognized until 12:10.

(The remarks of Mr. GRASSLEY are printed in today's RECORD under "Morning Business.")

Mr. GRASSLEY. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BURR). Will the Senator withhold his request?

Mr. GRASSLEY. I will.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the hour of 12:10 p.m. having arrived, the Senate will proceed to a vote in relation to amendment No. 2062 offered by Senator KYL.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be a sufficient second. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. The following Senator was necessarily absent: the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 92, nays 6, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 256 Leg.]

YEAS—92

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| Alexander | Dorgan | Mikulski |
| Allard | Durbin | Murkowski |
| Allen | Ensign | Murray |
| Baucus | Enzi | Nelson (FL) |
| Bayh | Feingold | Nelson (NE) |
| Bennett | Feinstein | Obama |
| Biden | Frist | Pryor |
| Boxer | Graham | Reed |
| Brownback | Grassley | Reid |
| Bunning | Gregg | Roberts |
| Burns | Hagel | Rockefeller |
| Burr | Harkin | Salazar |
| Byrd | Hatch | Santorum |
| Cantwell | Hutchison | Schumer |
| Carper | Inhofe | Sessions |
| Chafee | Isakson | Shelby |
| Clinton | Johnson | Smith |
| Coburn | Kennedy | Snowe |
| Cochran | Kerry | Specter |
| Coleman | Kohl | Stabenow |
| Collins | Kyl | Stevens |
| Conrad | Landrieu | Sununu |
| Cornyn | Lautenberg | Talent |
| Craig | Leahy | Thomas |
| Crapo | Levin | Thune |
| Dayton | Lieberman | Vitter |
| DeMint | Lincoln | Voivovich |
| DeWine | Lott | Warner |
| Dodd | Martinez | Wyden |
| Dole | McCain | |

NAYS—6

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NOT VOTING—2

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| Chambliss | Corzine |
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The amendment (No. 2062) was agreed to.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mrs. MURRAY. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, upon the disposition of amendment No. 2062, the Senate will stand in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:38 p.m., recessed until 2:18 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. SUNUNU).