

where they are at the moment, let them come to the budgeting process and make their request just like everyone else has to for the budgeting process here in Congress.

The earmark reforms in this bill are important, and we shouldn't allow the executive branch to undermine them. We owe it to our constituents to make sure earmarks are carried out as intended by this body in accordance with our earmarks disclosure rules.

To conclude, this amendment simply reinforces the earmark reforms in a very straightforward way. It will ensure that earmarks are only spent for the stated purpose for which they were approved. It will put an end to unaccountable skimming of earmarks and require that any unspent earmarked funds will be used for deficit reduction.

This amendment protects our constituents and the American taxpayer. It strengthens the underlying bill by providing a guarantee that earmarks will be spent only as the Senate intends, for the purpose for which they were approved, in accordance with the earmark reforms. I believe the underlying bill is incomplete without my amendment, and I urge my colleagues to adopt it.

Mr. President, I yield the floor, and I note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MENENDEZ). Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### JOINT LEADERSHIP AGREEMENT ON COMMITTEE FUNDING

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, before we proceed to the resolutions appointing our committee membership, I want to thank the majority leader for his assistance in working on this joint leadership agreement. As was agreed to in the 108th Congress, we have included language which keeps the current minority staff salary baseline from going below the allocation in the 109th if those funds are available. Given the possibility of a continuing resolution, the majority leader and the chairman of the Rules Committee have agreed to provide each ranking member, if requested, an allocation equal to 49 percent of the 10 percent that was available to the chairman in the 109th Congress. I would further say that this money is available out of existing funds and is not considered as supplemental funds above the current funding levels.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I concur with the remarks of the Republican leader. The baseline was not reduced for Democratic staff in the 108th Congress. This agreement allows for that same accommodation for the Republican side in the 110th, if that money is

available. Further, since additional funds may not be available, we have agreed that each ranking member will be allocated the amount mentioned above, if they so request, and those funds will be made available from existing funds provided by the Rules Committee.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a letter signed by the two leaders be printed in the RECORD.

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

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### JOINT LEADERSHIP LETTER

We mutually commit to the following for the 110th Congress:

The budgets of the Committees of the Senate, including Joint and Special Committees, and all other subgroups, shall be apportioned to reflect the ratio of the Senate as of, and effective on this date, with up to an additional ten percent (10%), to be allocated to the Chairmen for administrative expenses, to be determined by the Rules Committee, with the total administrative expenses allocation for all Committees not to exceed historic levels. The additional administrative expenses described above shall be available to be expended by a Committee Chairman, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Committee. Funds for committee expenses shall be available to Chairmen consistent with the Senate rules and practices of the 109th Congress. No committee budget shall be allocated to reduce the Republican staff salary baseline below that of fiscal year 2006 if that money is available. The Chairman and Ranking Member of any committee may, by mutual agreement, modify the apportionment of Committee funding, including the additional ten percent (10%) allocated for administrative expenses, referenced in this letter. The division of Committee office space shall be commensurate with this funding agreement.

#### CONSTITUTING THE MAJORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH CONGRESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 27, which is at the desk; that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 27) was agreed to, as follows:

#### S. RES. 27

*Resolved*, That the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the following committees for the One Hundred Tenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, and FORESTRY: Mr. Harkin (Chairman), Mr. Leahy, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Baucus, Mrs. Lincoln, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Nelson (Nebraska), Mr. Salazar, Mr. Brown, Mr. Casey, and Ms. Klobuchar.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS: Mr. Byrd (Chairman), Mr. Inouye, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Kohl, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Dorgan, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Reed, Mr. Lautenberg, and Mr. Nelson (Nebraska).

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Mr. Levin (Chairman), Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Nelson (Florida), Mr. Nelson (Nebraska), Mr. Bayh, Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Webb, and Mrs. McCaskill.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS: Mr. Dodd (Chairman), Mr. Johnson, Mr. Reed, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Bayh, Mr. Carper, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Brown, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Tester.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION: Mr. Inouye (Chairman), Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Dorgan, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Nelson (Florida), Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Carper, Mrs. McCaskill, and Ms. Klobuchar.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES: Mr. Bingaman (Chairman), Mr. Akaka, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Landrieu, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Salazar, Mr. Menendez, Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Tester.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mrs. Boxer (Chairman), Mr. Baucus, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Carper, Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Sanders, Ms. Klobuchar, and Mr. Whitehouse.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: Mr. Baucus (Chairman), Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Kerry, Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. Salazar.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS: Mr. Biden (Chairman), Mr. Dodd, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Feingold, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Nelson (Florida), Mr. Obama, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Webb.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS: Mr. Kennedy (Chairman), Mr. Dodd, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Bingaman, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Obama, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Brown.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: Mr. Lieberman (Chairman), Mr. Levin, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Carper, Mr. Pryor, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Obama, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Tester.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY: Mr. Leahy (Chairman), Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Biden, Mr. Kohl, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Whitehouse.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE: Mr. Rockefeller, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Bayh, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Nelson (Florida), Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. Levin (ex officio).

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET: Mr. Conrad (Chairman), Mrs. Murray, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Nelson (Florida), Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Sanders, and Mr. Whitehouse.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION: Mrs. Feinstein (Chairman), Mr. Dodd, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Nelson (Nebraska), Mr. Reid, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Pryor.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP: Mr. Kerry (Chairman), Mr. Levin, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Lieberman, Ms. Landrieu, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Bayh, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Tester.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS: Mr. Akaka (Chairman), Mr. Rockefeller, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Obama, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Brown, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Tester.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING: Mr. Kohl (Chairman), Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Bayh, Mr. Carper, Mr. Nelson (Florida), Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Salazar, Mr. Casey, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Whitehouse.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE: Mr. Schumer (Chairman), Mr. Kennedy, Mr.

Bingaman, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Webb.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS: Mr. Johnson (Chairman), Mrs. Boxer (Chairman in Johnson's absence), Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Salazar.

Senator Johnson is Chair of the Select Committee on Ethics, and during his absence for all purposes under Senate Rules, Committee Rules, and relevant statutes, Senator Boxer shall act as Chair of the Select Committee on Ethics, except for purposes of the designation under 2 U.S.C. §72a-lf.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS: Mr. Dorgan (Chairman), Mr. Inouye, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. McCaskill, and Mr. Tester.

#### DESIGNATING SENATOR JAY ROCKEFELLER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, in accordance with the provisions of S. Res. 445 of the 108th Congress, I designate Senator JAY ROCKEFELLER as chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we have done this very quickly, but it is extremely important that we have been able to accomplish this. There has been a lot of cooperation on both sides. It puts us on the path to get some things done with the committees. I think the chairman and ranking members are happy, as we have learned today.

#### CONSTITUTING THE MINORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE 110TH CONGRESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 28, that the resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 28) was agreed to, as follows:

##### S. RES. 28

*Resolved*, That the following shall constitute the minority party's membership on the following committees for the One Hundred Tenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY: Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Lugar, Mr. Cochran, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Graham, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Grassley.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Specter, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Bond, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Craig, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Brownback, Mr. Allard, and Mr. Alexander.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Mr. McCain, Mr. Warner, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Sessions, Ms. Collins, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Dole, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Martinez.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS: Mr. Shelby, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Allard, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Sununu, Mrs. Dole, and Mr. Martinez.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION: Mr. Stevens, Mr.

McCain, Mr. Lott, Mrs. Hutchison, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Sununu, Mr. DeMint, Mr. Vitter, and Mr. Thune.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES: Mr. Domenici, Mr. Craig, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Burr, Mr. DeMint, Mr. Corker, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Smith, Mr. Bunning, and Mr. Martinez.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Warner, Mr. Voinovich, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Craig, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Bond.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Lott, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Kyl, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Smith, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Roberts.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS: Mr. Lugar, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Corker, Mr. Sununu, Mr. Voinovich, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. DeMint, Mr. Isakson, and Mr. Vitter.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS: Mr. Enzi, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Burr, Mr. Isakson, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Allard, and Mr. Coburn.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: Ms. Collins, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Voinovich, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Sununu.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY: Mr. Specter, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Kyl, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Graham, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Brownback, and Mr. Coburn.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET: Mr. Gregg, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Allard, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Graham.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Stevens, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Lott, Mr. Chambliss, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Hagel, and Mr. Alexander.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP: Ms. Snowe, Mr. Bond, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Vitter, Mrs. Dole, Mr. Thune, Mr. Corker, Mr. Enzi, and Mr. Isakson.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS: Mr. Craig, Mr. Specter, Mr. Burr, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Hutchison, and Mr. Ensign.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING: Mr. Smith, Mr. Shelby, Ms. Collins, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Craig, Mrs. Dole, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Corker, and Mr. Specter.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE: Mr. Bond, Mr. Warner, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Hatch, Ms. Snowe, and Mr. Burr.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE: Mr. Brownback, Mr. Sununu, Mr. DeMint, and Mr. Bennett.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS: Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Thomas.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS: Mr. Thomas, Mr. McCain, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Burr.

#### DESIGNATING SENATOR CHRISTOPHER BOND AS VICE CHAIR OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 445 of the 108th Congress, I select Senator BOND of Missouri as Vice Chair of the Intelligence Committee.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, 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. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2007—Continued

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, January 16, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to a vote on or in relation to the Durbin amendment No. 44, to be followed by a vote on or in relation to the DeMint amendment No. 11, as amended, if amended, and then without further intervening action or debate, the Senate proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on amendment No. 14; that if the Durbin amendment is not modified to Senator DEMINT's satisfaction, then the agreement with respect to a vote with respect to the two amendments be vitiated.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I would like to spread on the RECORD the fact that we have had long conversations with Senator DEMINT and Senator DURBIN. I have spoken personally with Senator DEMINT on several occasions. We appreciate his cooperation. I believe what we have done here preserves what he wanted to do and more. So this should make everyone happy on Tuesday. We hope this will be an overwhelmingly positive vote.

I also note that staff, during this evening and during Tuesday, is also going to continue to work on other matters to see if there are other items on which we can vote.

##### AMENDMENT NO. 4

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my amendment No. 4 be the pending business.

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

##### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk with respect to this amendment.

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, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the Reid amendment No. 4 to Calendar No. 1, S. 1 Transparency in the Legislative Process.

Harry Reid, Dianne Feinstein, Joseph Lieberman, Tom Carper, Ken Salazar, Robert Menendez, Patty Murray, Jon Tester, Jack Reed, Joe Biden, Debbie Stabenow, Daniel K. Akaka, Barbara