

Mr. Feingold

SENSE OF THE SENATE ON BUDGET REFORM.

(a) FINDINGS - Congress finds that -

- (1) Congress consistently has been unable to enact separately the regular thirteen appropriations bills before the end of the fiscal year;
- (2) The result all too often is a massive end-of-session, must-pass appropriations bill that contains hundreds of pages which Members are unable to fully review before the final vote is taken;
- (3) These practices greatly undermine the integrity of the congressional budget process, and are inconsistent with the processes envisioned in the Standing Rules of the Senate and the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; and,
- (4) Members attentions are increasingly dominated by budget-related legislation, allowing little time for oversight and consideration of other critical issues.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE - It is the sense of the Senate that:

*The levels in this resolution assume that*

- (1) For Fiscal Year 2001, Congress should adopt 13 separate appropriations bills instead of omnibus bills;
- (2) that Congress should adopt and live by the criteria for designating spending as emergencies; and
- (3) The Senate should quickly consider and pass S. 92, The Biennial Budgeting and Appropriations Act, and with the new President and the new Congress, next year's budget resolution should be a biennial budget resolution.

VOTE ON: Feingold - Bunnell  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

YEA

NAY

False

- GRASSLEY
- NICKLES
- GRAMM
- BOND
- GORTON
- GREGG
- MS SNOWE
- ABRAHAM
- FRIST
- GRAMS
- SMITH
  
- LAUTENBERG
- HOLLINGS
- CONRAD
- SARBANES
- Mrs BOXER
- Mrs MURRAY
- WYDEN
- FEINGOLD
- JOHNSON
- DURBIN
  
- CHAIRMAN

— 11 —

— 11 —