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Senate

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TAX INCREASE AND BUDGET REDUCTION PROPOSALS

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, the conferees of both Houses have evidently agreed on a 10-percent surcharge on income tax for those having an income of \$5,000 or more, and also on a \$6 billion reduction in Federal expenditures for the next fiscal year. I would hope that before the conferees reached final agreement on this matter, they would furnish the membership of both Houses with a bill of particulars as to where they think these reductions should be applied.

As the Senate is aware, the President has said that he would be willing to accept a \$4 billion reduction in expenditures—though reluctantly—but that if the cut went to \$6 billion, grave difficulties would be created. I assume that what he would have to consider in the latter case would be appropriations dealing with the most difficult social problems which affect urban centers, and also public works projects under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Corps of Engineers. The latter would affect almost every State in the Union; the former would affect almost every city in the Nation.

I myself have suggested where I think expenditures ought to be cut or reduced. For the RECORD I will state them again:

I have said that an area which could—and should—be given the most serious consideration is the research and development program of the Department of Defense, for which almost \$8 billion was authorized a few weeks ago, an amount 10 percent above the amount of last year. This program operates under a division of the Department of Defense having contracts with individuals, corporations, universities, and the like, and covers such subjects as population control. It has included, also, such subjects as Camelot—a social science study—civic projects in Korea, social

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