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Mr. ERVIN. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on S. 518.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Johnston) laid before the Senate the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 518) to provide that appointments to the offices of Director and Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate, which were to strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert:

That the offices of Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, established in section 207 of the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921 (31 U.S.C. 16), and as designated in section 102(b) of Reorganization Plan Numbered 2 of 1970, are abolished.

Sec. 2. The offices of Director, Office of Management and Budget, and Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget, are established in the Office of Management and Budget and shall be filled by appointment by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Sec. 3. The functions transferred to the President by section 101 of Reorganization Plan Numbered 2 of 1970, and all functions established by law in the Office of Management and Budget or the Director of the Office of Management and Budget are transferred to the office of Director, Office of Management and Budget. The President may, from time to time, assign to such office such additional functions as he may deem necessary.

(b) The Director may, from time to time, assign such functions to the Deputy Director, such functions as he may deem necessary.

Sec. 4. Nothing in this Act shall impair the power of the President to remove the occupants of the offices of Director, Office of Management and Budget, and Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Sec. 5. (a) Subchapter II (relating to Executive Schedule pay rates) of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (11) of section 5313 is amended by striking out of "the Bureau of the Budget" and inserting in lieu thereof, "Office of Management and Budget."

(2) Paragraph (34) of section 5314 is amended by striking out of "the Bureau of the Budget" and inserting in lieu thereof, "Office of Management and Budget."

Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect upon the expiration of the thirty-day period which begins on the date of its enactment.

And amend the title so as to read: "An Act to abolish the offices of Director and Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, to establish the Office of Director, Office of Management and Budget, and to transfer certain functions thereto, and to establish the Office of Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget."

Mr. ERVIN. Mr. President, the Senate passed a bill making the office of the Director and the office of the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget subject to Senate confirmation. The House has acted and it struck out everything after the enacting clause, and it abolished these offices and then re-created them and then submitted that to Senate confirmation.

I move that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House to S. 518. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There is a sufficient second. The yeas and nays are ordered.

The question is on agreeing to the motion of the Senator from North Carolina. On this question the yeas and nays have been ordered, and the clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. I announce that the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. Hollings) and Senator from Montana (Mr. MCTAFF), the Senator from Utah (Mr. MOSS), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SPARKMAN), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. TALMADGE) are necessarily absent.

I also announce that the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. SENNIS) is absent because of illness.

Mr. GRIFFIN. I announce that the Senator from Oregon (Mr. HATFIELD) is necessarily absent.

The Senator from Ohio (Mr. TAFT) is detained on official business.

The result was announced—yeas 73, nays 19, as follows:

[No. 117 Leg.]

YEAS—73
Abourezk  Rastall  Magee
Abiken  McIntyre  McNichol
Allen  Fulbright  Mooney
Baker  Bayh  Muskie
Beall  Cannon  Mclntosh
Bentsen  Hart  Nunn
Biden  Binkley  Pastore
Brooke  Haiway  Pell
Buckley  Bumpston  Percy
Burdick  Humphrey  Randolph
Byrd  Inouye  Ribicoff
Byrd, Robert C.  Jackson  Roth
Cannon  Jeffords  Schgger
Case  Johnston  Stafford
Chiles  Kennedy  Stevens
Clark  Long  Stevenson
Clayton  Magnuson  Symington
Coke  Mondale  Weclker
Cranston  Mathias  Williams
Domenici  McIntyre  Williams
Dominick  McClure  Young
Eagleton  McGovern  Ribicoff

VATS—19
Bartlett  Panint  Saxbe
Bellmon  Pong  Scott, Pa.
Bennett  Lister  Scott, Va.
Brock  Hansen  Skoufopoulos
Cotton  Weinberger  Tower
Currie  Burns  Tower
Dole  Packwood

NOT VOTING—8
Hatfield  Hagel  Taft
Holings  Sparkman  Talmadge
Metcalf  Sennis

So the motion to concur in the House amendments was agreed to.

ACTION OF DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE ON MAY 2, 1973

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, yesterday Democratic Senators met and agreed to five resolutions—really four, and tentatively agreed to a fifth—explaining the general sentiments of the majority Members of the Senate on some very important issues.

We discussed at some length reducing Federal expenditures and the proposed closing or cutting back of foreign military installations as well as the administration's announced closing of domestic defense facilities. These resolutions were agreed to relating directly to domestic and foreign military bases. The first, sponsored by Senator PASTORE, urged the administration to reduce military expenditures overseas and to submit forthwith with a list of bases abroad that it plans to close, similar to the list of domestic bases it plans to close. The second resolution, sponsored by Senator Kennedy, calls for assistance to workers affected by the closing or consolidation of defense facilities throughout the country.

Also concurred in at the meeting were two resolutions proposed by the Democratic Policy Committee. The first deals with limiting Federal expenditures and directing the administration's attention to the resolution of March 15 calling for a "Reduction of Military Expenditures Abroad." The second resolution calls for freezing by legislation the further use of Federal funds for the pursuit of any military activity by the United States in Cambodia.

Both resolutions offered an important resolution regarding open public financing of Federal elections, but because of the late hour and because Senators were needed on the floor to vote, discussion of this matter was postponed until the next meeting.

I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions—five, in all—admitted by the Democratic conference on yesterday, and the resolution adopted on March 15, 1973, to which reference is made, be inserted in the Record.

I also ask unanimous consent that my remarks in connection with two of these resolutions be included.

Without objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

REMARKS OF SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD

In accord with the mandate of the Conference, I have called for this meeting to report on various discussions involving the Resolution which the Conference adopted on March 15. The Conference asked that I report back by April 30. I must apologize for being two days late. I delayed in order to be able to include in a report on the meeting of the Policy Committee of this Conference on yesterday.

At that time, the Committee returned to a consideration of some of the matters which confronted the nation before the floodgate opened on the Watergate. The issues which were before us at the beginning of the Easter recess are still there. Inflation . . . Disruption of foreign programs by the arbitrary re-arrangements of appointments by the Executive Branch . . . A gross imbalance in the budget . . . Wasteful defense expenditures, especially abroad . . . All the issues remain.

What is our responsibility in the situation? What is the Majority responsibility in the
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Whereas, at home, Americans are plagued with inflation, and abroad, the value of the dollar declines;

Whereas, the current U.S. military base structure and deployment around the world constitute a serious drain on the budget and tax revenues available for essential needs inside the United States;

Whereas, reductions of U.S. forces overseas and the closing of excessive and obsolete military bases abroad would save billions of dollars and help, thereby, to halt inflation, strengthen the dollar and permit additional use of tax revenues for domestic purposes;

Whereas, such reductions are commensurate with the nation’s defense, feasible in terms of present military strategy and technology, and in no way contradictory to the nation’s foreign policy under the Nixon Doctrine;

The Senate Majority Conference urges:

1. That the Administration consider, forthwith, in conjunction with the appropriate committees of the Congress, revisions in the proposed budget, with a view to making specific recommendations on the reduction of military expenditures through the prompt close-out of installations abroad which are obsolete or excessive to the current security needs of the nation; and

2. That the contingent of U.S. troops stationed overseas be substantially reduced, such reductions to be accomplished in stages over the next one and one-half years.

The Majority Leader is requested to confer with the Speaker of the House, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and with the Chairman of the Committees on Appropriations, Foreign Relations and Armed Services on the contents of this resolution and the means and means of implementing the same by Executive Order or legislative action and to report to the Policy Conference on or before April 30 on the results of these conferences.

RESOLUTION ON FEDERAL EXPENDITURES

Whereas, a responsible national fiscal policy requires that federal expenditures be brought into line with receipts;

Whereas, the federal budgetary deficit has totaled $184.3 billion during the past four years, notwithstanding cuts by Congress in the Administration’s proposed spending for the same years, totaling $29.2 billion;

Whereas, past experience suggests that the Administration’s proposed expenditures ceiling of $268.7 billion for the coming fiscal year is, again, excessive under present estimated revenues;

Whereas, the Administration’s proposed budget increases military and foreign aid expenditures even as the Administration continues to ignore the spending of tax money for excessive, obsolescent and irrelevant military and foreign aid purposes abroad;

The Majority Policy Committee urges:

1. That the Administration’s attention be directed, again, to the resolution adopted by the Senate Democratic Conference on March 15, 1973, calling for a “Reduction of Military Expenditures Abroad.” The implementation of which can bring about substantial reductions in federal expenditures, strengthen the dollar and help to curb inflation;

2. That, pursuant, in particular, to the provisions of paragraph 1, the Administration’s proposed budgetary ceiling be accordingly lowered as in past years;

3. That the Appropriations, Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees consider substantial reductions in authorizations and expenditures for military and foreign aid purposes abroad and that all other committees of the Senate act to restrain the authorizing of expenditures of federal funds;

4. That the Senate Members of the Joint Study Committee on Budget Control consider with the House Members establishing a specific ceiling on budgeted expenditures substantially below that of the Administration’s proposed ceiling and report to the Senate thereon as soon as possible.

The Majority Leader is directed to communicate the text of this resolution to the Chairman of the Committees on Appropriations and Budget, to the Senate Members of the Joint Committee on the Budget and to the Chairman of the Committees on Foreign Relations, Armed Services, and Appropriations and to the Chairman of such other committees of the Senate, to which, in his judgment, the contents of the resolution are applicable.

He is directed, further, to communicate the comments of the Chairman of the Committee on the resolution of the Policy Committee to the Majority Conference and, at that time, to seek the concurrence of the Conference in the resolution.

RESOLUTION ON CAMBODIA

The Democratic Conference resolves:

That the appropriate committees and the Senate act to foreclose by legislative action the further use of federal funds for the pursuit of any military activity by the United States in Cambodia.

The Majority Leader is directed to communicate its text to the Chairman of the Committees on Appropriations and Foreign Relations and the Acting Chairman on the Armed Services and to confer with them on ways and means of presenting the matter to the Senate.

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY SENATOR ABOUREZK

Whereas, public confidence in the integrity of the electoral process has been undermined by the events of recent months, and

Whereas, the restoration of confidence in the integrity of free and open elections is of the utmost importance to the preservation of democracy and the continuing orderly operation of government, and

Whereas, the Congress has committed itself to positive and constructive electoral reform by the enactment of tax credits and campaign contribution check-offs to assist in the provision of open and public financing of elections,

Be it therefore resolved that the Majority Caucus of the Senate commit itself to the immediate enactment of proposals to provide for the open public financing of federal elections.