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I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the Senator withhold?

Mr. STEVENS. Yes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If the managers yield back their time on the bill, the question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

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The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2977) to authorize appropriations for public broadcasting, and for other purposes.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. GLENN] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. WOFFORD] are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] would vote "yea."

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On this vote, the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] is paired with the Senator from California [Mr. SRYMOUR]. If present and voting, the Senator from North Carolina would vote "nay" and the Senator from California would vote "yea."

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WELLSTONE). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber who desire to vote?

The result was announced, yeas 84, nays 11, as follows:

(Rollcall Vote No. 114 Leg.)

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