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AMENDMENT NO. 3197

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I thank the distinguished chairman of the committee and others for setting aside their amendments, and I call up amendment No. 3197.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Minnesota [Mr. DAYTON], for himself and Mr. Feingold, proposes an amendment numbered 3197.

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:  
(Purpose: To strike sections 842 and 843)

Beginning on page 172, strike line 11 and all that follows through page 176, line 21.

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, my amendment strikes two sections of the bill, sections 842 and 843, which relate to ``Buy America'' and the Berry amendment, which are features that have been in existing law for quite a number of years to strengthen our national defense and our national economy.

This bill authorizes \$422 billion for national defense programs for fiscal year 2005, a sum that doesn't even include the funding for ongoing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you include those additional amounts, our national defense spending for the next fiscal year will be almost \$500 billion.

The Dayton/Feingold amendment would have struck the "Buy America" sections in their entirety. Two Democrats in a Republican-run Congress.

The Warner/McCain amendment to that amendment created a waiver policy.