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BYRD CASTS RECORD BREAKING VOTE

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Senator Robert C. Byrd, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the senior Senator from West Virginia, today cast his 12,134 vote on the Senate floor. Senator Byrd has now cast more votes than any other member of that chamber. His vote broke the previous record set by Senator Proxmire of 12,133.

"Records are meant to be broken," said Byrd, "and I imagine someday so will mine." Senator Byrd then gave an impassioned speech on the floor on the importance of school based program funding.

U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall joined his colleagues in both Houses in congratulating Senator Byrd on his record breaking vote. "Few men have the courage and conviction that Robert C. Byrd possesses. His record of votes speaks to his tremendous dedication to the state of West Virginia," said Rahall.

Rahall continued, "Senator Byrd has seen West Virginia through the good years, and he has helped her through the lean years as well. I commend him on his achievement."

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