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Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2008

Mr. SPRATT, from the Committee on the Budget, reported the following concurrent resolution; which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013.

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring),*

1 **SECTION 1. CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET**
 2 **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009.**

3 (a) DECLARATION.—The Congress determines and
 4 declares that the concurrent resolution on the budget for
 5 fiscal year 2008 is revised and replaced and that this is
 6 the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year
 7 2009, including appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal
 8 years 2010 through 2013.

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1 **TITLE I—RECOMMENDED**
 2 **LEVELS AND AMOUNTS**

3 **SEC. 101. RECOMMENDED LEVELS AND AMOUNTS.**

4 The following budgetary levels are appropriate for
 5 each of fiscal years 2008 through 2013:

6 (1) FEDERAL REVENUES.—For purposes of the
 7 enforcement of this resolution:

8 (A) The recommended levels of Federal
 9 revenues are as follows:

10 Fiscal year 2008: \$1,879,540,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009: \$2,027,124,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2010: \$2,205,864,000,000.

3 Fiscal year 2011: \$2,442,025,000,000.

4 Fiscal year 2012: \$2,669,315,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2013: \$2,771,740,000,000.

6 (B) The amounts by which the aggregate
7 levels of Federal revenues should be adjusted
8 are as follows:

9 Fiscal year 2008: \$0.

10 Fiscal year 2009: – \$70,000,000,000.

11 Fiscal year 2010: \$23,000,000,000.

12 Fiscal year 2011: \$14,000,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012: \$16,000,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2013: \$17,000,000,000.

15 (2) NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY.—For purposes
16 of the enforcement of this resolution, the appropriate
17 levels of total new budget authority are as follows:

18 Fiscal year 2008: \$2,556,254,000,000.

19 Fiscal year 2009: \$2,529,246,000,000.

20 Fiscal year 2010: \$2,564,161,000,000.

21 Fiscal year 2011: \$2,698,039,000,000.

22 Fiscal year 2012: \$2,740,065,000,000.

23 Fiscal year 2013: \$2,866,862,000,000.

1 (3) BUDGET OUTLAYS.—For purposes of the
2 enforcement of this resolution, the appropriate levels
3 of total budget outlays are as follows:

4 Fiscal year 2008: \$2,462,616,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2009: \$2,563,380,000,000.

6 Fiscal year 2010: \$2,622,295,000,000.

7 Fiscal year 2011: \$2,716,979,000,000.

8 Fiscal year 2012: \$2,728,965,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2013: \$2,857,394,000,000.

10 (4) DEFICITS (ON-BUDGET).—For purposes of
11 the enforcement of this resolution, the amounts of
12 the deficits (on-budget) are as follows:

13 Fiscal year 2008: \$583,076,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2009: \$536,256,000,000.

15 Fiscal year 2010: \$416,431,000,000.

16 Fiscal year 2011: \$274,954,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2012: \$59,650,000,000.

18 Fiscal year 2013: \$85,654,000,000.

19 (5) DEBT SUBJECT TO LIMIT.—Pursuant to
20 section 301(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act
21 of 1974, the appropriate levels of the debt subject to
22 limit are as follows:

23 Fiscal year 2008: \$9,567,484,000,000.

24 Fiscal year 2009: \$10,199,551,000,000.

25 Fiscal year 2010: \$10,724,264,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2011: \$11,103,954,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2012: \$11,295,107,000,000.

3 Fiscal year 2013: \$11,495,218,000,000.

4 (6) DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC.—The appro-
5 priate levels of debt held by the public are as follows:

6 Fiscal year 2008: \$5,396,807,000,000.

7 Fiscal year 2009: \$5,753,900,000,000.

8 Fiscal year 2010: \$5,981,334,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011: \$6,047,654,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2012: \$5,885,687,000,000.

11 Fiscal year 2013: \$5,744,120,000,000.

12 **SEC. 102. MAJOR FUNCTIONAL CATEGORIES.**

13 The Congress determines and declares that the ap-
14 propriate levels of new budget authority and outlays for
15 fiscal years 2008 through 2013 for each major functional
16 category are:

17 (1) National Defense (050):

18 Fiscal year 2008:

19 (A) New budget authority,
20 \$590,686,000,000.

21 (B) Outlays, \$576,173,000,000.

22 Fiscal year 2009:

23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$542,497,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$573,362,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2010:

2 (A) New budget authority,
3 \$550,414,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$560,726,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2011:

6 (A) New budget authority,
7 \$557,026,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$560,099,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2012:

10 (A) New budget authority,
11 \$565,800,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$556,699,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2013:

14 (A) New budget authority,
15 \$576,223,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, 568,829,000,000.

17 (2) International Affairs (150):

18 Fiscal year 2008:

19 (A) New budget authority,
20 \$32,648,000,000.

21 (B) Outlays, \$32,843,000,000.

22 Fiscal year 2009:

23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$37,111,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$35,702,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2010:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$38,516,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$36,918,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2011:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$39,433,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$37,679,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2012:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$40,247,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$38,154,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2013:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$40,677,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$38,346,000,000.

17 (3) General Science, Space, and Technology

18 (250):

19 Fiscal year 2008:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$27,407,000,000.

22 (B) Outlays, \$26,456,000,000.

23 Fiscal year 2009:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$29,934,000,000.

1 (B) Outlays, \$28,700,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2010:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$31,165,000,000.

5 (B) Outlays, \$30,604,000,000.

6 Fiscal year 2011:

7 (A) New budget authority,

8 \$32,474,000,000.

9 (B) Outlays, \$32,201,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2012:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$33,853,000,000.

13 (B) Outlays, \$33,564,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2013:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$35,298,000,000.

17 (B) Outlays, \$34,477,000,000.

18 (4) Energy (270):

19 Fiscal year 2008:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$3,548,000,000.

22 (B) Outlays, \$1,681,000,000.

23 Fiscal year 2009:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$4,674,000,000.

1 (B) Outlays, \$2,192,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2010:

3 (A) New budget authority,
4 \$4,645,000,000.

5 (B) Outlays, \$2,878,000,000.

6 Fiscal year 2011:

7 (A) New budget authority,
8 \$4,712,000,000.

9 (B) Outlays, \$3,371,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2012:

11 (A) New budget authority,
12 \$4,803,000,000.

13 (B) Outlays, \$3,738,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2013:

15 (A) New budget authority,
16 \$4,895,000,000.

17 (B) Outlays, \$4,020,000,000.

18 (5) Natural Resources and Environment (300):

19 Fiscal year 2008:

20 (A) New budget authority,
21 \$32,560,000,000.

22 (B) Outlays, \$34,440,000,000.

23 Fiscal year 2009:

24 (A) New budget authority,
25 \$38,651,000,000.

1 (B) Outlays, \$35,576,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2010:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$33,782,000,000.

5 (B) Outlays, \$36,192,000,000.

6 Fiscal year 2011:

7 (A) New budget authority,

8 \$34,670,000,000.

9 (B) Outlays, \$36,420,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2012:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$35,568,000,000.

13 (B) Outlays, \$36,745,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2013:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$36,490,000,000.

17 (B) Outlays, \$37,299,000,000.

18 (6) Agriculture (350):

19 Fiscal year 2008:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$22,456,000,000.

22 (B) Outlays, \$21,528,000,000.

23 Fiscal year 2009:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$21,529,000,000.

1 (B) Outlays, \$21,279,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2010:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$21,719,000,000.

5 (B) Outlays, \$20,680,000,000.

6 Fiscal year 2011:

7 (A) New budget authority,

8 \$21,891,000,000.

9 (B) Outlays, \$20,876,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2012:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$22,263,000,000.

13 (B) Outlays, \$21,435,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2013:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$22,621,000,000.

17 (B) Outlays, \$21,816,000,000.

18 (7) Commerce and Housing Credit (370):

19 Fiscal year 2008:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$11,216,000,000.

22 (B) Outlays, \$5,381,000,000.

23 Fiscal year 2009:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$9,560,000,000.

1 (B) Outlays, \$3,722,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2010:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$13,887,000,000.

5 (B) Outlays, \$5,835,000,000.

6 Fiscal year 2011:

7 (A) New budget authority,

8 \$8,998,000,000.

9 (B) Outlays, \$2,193,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2012:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$9,246,000,000.

13 (B) Outlays, \$1,735,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2013:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$9,642,000,000.

17 (B) Outlays, \$1,648,000,000.

18 (8) Transportation (400):

19 Fiscal year 2008:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$79,794,000,000.

22 (B) Outlays, \$77,795,000,000.

23 Fiscal year 2009:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$73,444,000,000.

1 (B) Outlays, \$80,443,000,000.

2 Fiscal year 2010:

3 (A) New budget authority,
4 \$77,507,000,000.

5 (B) Outlays, \$83,861,000,000.

6 Fiscal year 2011:

7 (A) New budget authority,
8 \$78,534,000,000.

9 (B) Outlays, \$86,062,000,000.

10 Fiscal year 2012:

11 (A) New budget authority,
12 \$79,485,000,000.

13 (B) Outlays, \$88,134,000,000.

14 Fiscal year 2013:

15 (A) New budget authority,
16 \$80,478,000,000.

17 (B) Outlays, \$90,443,000,000.

18 (9) Community and Regional Development

19 (450):

20 Fiscal year 2008:

21 (A) New budget authority,
22 \$20,029,000,000.

23 (B) Outlays, \$27,819,000,000.

24 Fiscal year 2009:

1 (A) New budget authority,
2 \$14,553,000,000.

3 (B) Outlays, \$24,251,000,000.

4 Fiscal year 2010:

5 (A) New budget authority,
6 \$14,826,000,000.

7 (B) Outlays, \$21,816,000,000.

8 Fiscal year 2011:

9 (A) New budget authority,
10 \$15,134,000,000.

11 (B) Outlays, \$17,874,000,000.

12 Fiscal year 2012:

13 (A) New budget authority,
14 \$15,450,000,000.

15 (B) Outlays, \$15,817,000,000.

16 Fiscal year 2013:

17 (A) New budget authority,
18 \$15,755,000,000.

19 (B) Outlays, \$15,561,000,000.

20 (10) Education, Training, Employment, and
21 Social Services (500):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$90,077,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$90,729,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:
2 (A) New budget authority,
3 \$95,235,000,000.
4 (B) Outlays, \$90,947,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:
6 (A) New budget authority,
7 \$102,594,000,000.
8 (B) Outlays, \$98,345,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:
10 (A) New budget authority,
11 \$105,612,000,000.
12 (B) Outlays, \$103,135,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:
14 (A) New budget authority,
15 \$107,828,000,000.
16 (B) Outlays, \$104,397,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:
18 (A) New budget authority,
19 \$101,690,000,000.
20 (B) Outlays, \$103,490,000,000.

21 (11) Health (550):

22 Fiscal year 2008:
23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$285,101,000,000.
25 (B) Outlays, \$286,688,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:
2 (A) New budget authority,
3 \$306,795,000,000.
4 (B) Outlays, \$305,334,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:
6 (A) New budget authority,
7 \$323,767,000,000.
8 (B) Outlays, \$324,138,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:
10 (A) New budget authority,
11 \$344,749,000,000.
12 (B) Outlays, \$343,718,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:
14 (A) New budget authority,
15 \$367,766,000,000.
16 (B) Outlays, \$366,312,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:
18 (A) New budget authority,
19 \$393,085,000,000.
20 (B) Outlays, \$391,326,000,000.

21 (12) Medicare (570):
22 Fiscal year 2008:
23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$390,458,000,000.
25 (B) Outlays, \$390,454,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:

2 (A) New budget authority,
3 \$420,191,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$419,974,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:

6 (A) New budget authority,
7 \$445,225,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$445,349,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:

10 (A) New budget authority,
11 \$494,370,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$494,193,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:

14 (A) New budget authority,
15 \$491,353,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$491,110,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:

18 (A) New budget authority,
19 \$552,389,000,000.

20 (B) Outlays, \$552,503,000,000.

21 (13) Income Security (600):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$389,865,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$394,100,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:
2 (A) New budget authority,
3 \$411,699,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$414,032,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:

6 (A) New budget authority,
7 \$417,519,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$418,617,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:

10 (A) New budget authority,
11 \$426,924,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$427,541,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:

14 (A) New budget authority,
15 \$412,355,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$412,831,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:

18 (A) New budget authority,
19 \$427,988,000,000.

20 (B) Outlays, \$427,703,000,000.

21 (14) Social Security (650):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$19,378,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$19,378,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:
2 (A) New budget authority,
3 \$21,308,000,000.
4 (B) Outlays, \$21,308,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:
6 (A) New budget authority,
7 \$23,794,000,000.
8 (B) Outlays, \$23,794,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:
10 (A) New budget authority,
11 \$27,330,000,000.
12 (B) Outlays, \$27,330,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:
14 (A) New budget authority,
15 \$30,342,000,000.
16 (B) Outlays, \$30,342,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:
18 (A) New budget authority,
19 \$33,162,000,000.
20 (B) Outlays, \$33,162,000,000.

21 (15) Veterans Benefits and Services (700):

22 Fiscal year 2008:
23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$86,365,000,000.
25 (B) Outlays, \$83,551,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$93,268,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$92,443,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$96,000,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$95,710,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$101,800,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$101,475,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$99,115,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$98,271,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:

18 (A) New budget authority,

19 \$105,094,000,000.

20 (B) Outlays, \$104,266,000,000.

21 (16) Administration of Justice (750):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$46,237,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$44,282,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$48,104,000,000.

4 (B) Outlays, \$47,936,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$49,101,000,000.

8 (B) Outlays, \$49,602,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:

10 (A) New budget authority,

11 \$50,338,000,000.

12 (B) Outlays, \$50,596,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:

14 (A) New budget authority,

15 \$51,622,000,000.

16 (B) Outlays, \$51,501,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:

18 (A) New budget authority,

19 \$52,967,000,000.

20 (B) Outlays, \$52,542,000,000.

21 (17) General Government (800):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$56,407,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$56,920,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:
2 (A) New budget authority,
3 \$23,520,000,000.
4 (B) Outlays, \$23,890,000,000.

5 Fiscal year 2010:
6 (A) New budget authority,
7 \$19,961,000,000.
8 (B) Outlays, \$19,987,000,000.

9 Fiscal year 2011:
10 (A) New budget authority,
11 \$20,611,000,000.
12 (B) Outlays, \$20,496,000,000.

13 Fiscal year 2012:
14 (A) New budget authority,
15 \$21,319,000,000.
16 (B) Outlays, \$21,332,000,000.

17 Fiscal year 2013:
18 (A) New budget authority,
19 \$22,007,000,000.
20 (B) Outlays, \$21,787,000,000.

21 (18) Net Interest (900):
22 Fiscal year 2008:
23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$349,296,000,000.
25 (B) Outlays, \$349,296,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:
2 (A) New budget authority,
3 \$334,233,000,000.
4 (B) Outlays, \$334,233,000,000.
5 Fiscal year 2010:
6 (A) New budget authority,
7 \$370,534,000,000.
8 (B) Outlays, \$370,534,000,000.
9 Fiscal year 2011:
10 (A) New budget authority,
11 \$406,997,000,000.
12 (B) Outlays, \$406,997,000,000.
13 Fiscal year 2012:
14 (A) New budget authority,
15 \$427,954,000,000.
16 (B) Outlays, \$427,954,000,000.
17 Fiscal year 2013:
18 (A) New budget authority,
19 \$436,292,000,000.
20 (B) Outlays, \$436,292,000,000.
21 (19) Allowances (920):
22 Fiscal year 2008:
23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$1,000,000,000.
25 (B) Outlays, \$531,000,000.

1 Fiscal year 2009:

2 (A) New budget authority, \$0.

3 (B) Outlays, \$307,000,000.

4 Fiscal year 2010:

5 (A) New budget authority,
6 –\$150,000,000.

7 (B) Outlays, –\$53,000,000.

8 Fiscal year 2011:

9 (A) New budget authority,
10 –\$200,000,000.

11 (B) Outlays, –\$164,000,000.

12 Fiscal year 2012:

13 (A) New budget authority,
14 –\$200,000,000.

15 (B) Outlays, –\$178,000,000.

16 Fiscal year 2013:

17 (A) New budget authority,
18 –\$200,000,000.

19 (B) Outlays, –\$200,000,000.

20 (20) Undistributed Offsetting Receipts (950):

21 Fiscal year 2008:

22 (A) New budget authority,
23 –\$86,330,000,000.

24 (B) Outlays, –\$86,330,000,000.

25 Fiscal year 2009:

1 (A) New budget authority,
2 - \$67,060,000,000.

3 (B) Outlays, - \$67,060,000,000.

4 Fiscal year 2010:

5 (A) New budget authority,
6 - \$70,645,000,000.

7 (B) Outlays, - \$70,645,000,000.

8 Fiscal year 2011:

9 (A) New budget authority,
10 - \$73,364,000,000.

11 (B) Outlays, - \$73,364,000,000.

12 Fiscal year 2012:

13 (A) New budget authority,
14 - \$76,104,000,000.

15 (B) Outlays, - \$76,104,000,000.

16 Fiscal year 2013:

17 (A) New budget authority,
18 - \$79,691,000,000.

19 (B) Outlays, - \$79,691,000,000.

20 (21) Overseas Deployments and Other Activi-
21 ties (970):

22 Fiscal year 2008:

23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$108,056,000,000.

25 (B) Outlays, \$28,901,000,000.

- 1 Fiscal year 2009:
- 2 (A) New budget authority,
- 3 \$70,000,000,000.
- 4 (B) Outlays, \$74,809,000,000.
- 5 Fiscal year 2010:
- 6 (A) New budget authority, \$0.
- 7 (B) Outlays, \$47,407,000,000.
- 8 Fiscal year 2011:
- 9 (A) New budget authority, \$0.
- 10 (B) Outlays, \$18,251,000,000.
- 11 Fiscal year 2012:
- 12 (A) New budget authority, \$0.
- 13 (B) Outlays, \$5,176,000,000.
- 14 Fiscal year 2013:
- 15 (A) New budget authority, \$0.
- 16 (B) Outlays, \$1,775,000,000.

17 **TITLE II—RECONCILIATION**

18 **SEC. 201. RECONCILIATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENT-**

19 **ATIVES.**

20 (a) CHANGES IN MANDATORY SPENDING.—Not later
21 than September 12, 2008, the House Committee on Ways
22 and Means shall report a reconciliation bill making
23 changes in laws within its jurisdiction sufficient to reduce
24 direct spending by \$750,000,000 for the period of fiscal
25 years 2008 through 2013.

1 (b) CHANGES IN REVENUE.—Not later than July 15,
2 2008, the House Committee on Ways and Means shall re-
3 port a reconciliation bill making changes in laws within
4 its jurisdiction that will reduce total revenues by
5 \$70,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2009 and will increase
6 total revenues by \$70,000,000,000 for the period of fiscal
7 years 2010 through 2013.

8 (c) ADJUSTMENTS TO ALLOCATIONS AND AGGRE-
9 GATES.—

10 (1) Upon the reporting to the House of any bill
11 that has complied with reconciliation instructions,
12 the chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
13 file with the House appropriately revised allocations
14 under section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget
15 Act of 1974 and revised functional levels and aggre-
16 gates.

17 (2) Upon the submission to the House of any
18 conference report recommending a reconciliation bill
19 in which a committee has complied with its reconcili-
20 ation instructions, the chairman of the Committee
21 on the Budget may file with the House appropriately
22 revised allocations under section 302(a) of such Act
23 and revised functional levels and aggregates.

24 (3) Allocations and aggregates revised pursuant
25 to this subsection shall be considered to be alloca-

1 tions and aggregates established by the concurrent
2 resolution on the budget pursuant to section 301 of
3 such Act.

4 **TITLE III—RESERVE FUNDS**

5 **SEC. 301. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR SCHIP** 6 **LEGISLATION.**

7 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
8 Budget may revise the allocations of a committee or com-
9 mittees, aggregates, and other appropriate levels in this
10 resolution for any bill, joint resolution, amendment, or
11 conference report, which contains matter within the juris-
12 diction of the Committee on Energy and Commerce that
13 expands coverage and improves children's health through
14 the State Childrens Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)
15 under title XXI of the Social Security Act and the pro-
16 gram under title XIX of such Act (commonly known as
17 Medicaid) and that increases new budget authority that
18 will result in no more than \$50,000,000,000 in outlays
19 in fiscal years 2008 through 2013, and others which con-
20 tain offsets so designated for the purpose of this section
21 within the jurisdiction of another committee or commit-
22 tees, if the combined changes would not increase the def-
23 icit or decrease the surplus for the period of fiscal years
24 2008 through 2013 or for the period of fiscal years 2008
25 through 2018.

1 **SEC. 302. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR VET-**
2 **ERANS AND SERVICEMEMBERS.**

3 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
4 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
5 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
6 lution, amendment, or conference report that—

7 (1) enhances medical care for wounded or dis-
8 abled military personnel or veterans;

9 (2) maintains affordable health care for mili-
10 tary retirees and veterans;

11 (3) improves disability benefits or evaluations
12 for wounded or disabled military personnel or vet-
13 erans, including measures to expedite the claims
14 process;

15 (4) expands eligibility to permit additional dis-
16 abled military retirees to receive both disability com-
17 pensation and retired pay;

18 (5) eliminates the offset between Survivor Ben-
19 efit Plan annuities and veterans' dependency and in-
20 demnity compensation; or

21 (6) provides or increases benefits for Filipino
22 veterans of World War II or their survivors and de-
23 pendents;

24 by the amounts provided in such measure if such measure
25 would not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for

1 the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the
2 period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

3 **SEC. 303. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR EDU-**
4 **CATION BENEFITS FOR SERVICEMEMBERS,**
5 **VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

6 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
7 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
8 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
9 lution, amendment, or conference report that enhances
10 education benefits or assistance for servicemembers (in-
11 cluding Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve), vet-
12 erans, or their spouses, survivors, or dependents by the
13 amounts provided in such measure if such measure would
14 not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for the pe-
15 riod of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the period
16 of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

17 **SEC. 304. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR INFRA-**
18 **STRUCTURE INVESTMENT.**

19 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
20 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
21 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
22 lution, amendment, or conference report that provides for
23 increased investment in infrastructure projects by the
24 amounts provided in such measure if such measure would
25 not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for the pe-

1 riod of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the period
2 of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

3 **SEC. 305. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR RENEW-**
4 **ABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY.**

5 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
6 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
7 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
8 lution, amendment, or conference report that provides tax
9 incentives for or otherwise encourages the production of
10 renewable energy or increased energy efficiency; encour-
11 ages investment in emerging energy or vehicle technologies
12 or carbon capture and sequestration; provides for reduc-
13 tions in greenhouse gas emissions; or facilitates the train-
14 ing of workers for these industries (“green collar jobs”)
15 by the amounts provided in such measure if such measure
16 would not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for
17 the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the
18 period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

19 **SEC. 306. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR MIDDLE-**
20 **INCOME TAX RELIEF AND ECONOMIC EQUITY.**

21 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
22 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
23 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
24 lution, amendment, or conference report that provides for
25 tax relief for middle-income families and taxpayers or en-

1 hanced economic equity, such as extension of the child tax
2 credit, extension of marriage penalty relief, extension of
3 the 10 percent individual income tax bracket, elimination
4 of estate taxes on all but a minute fraction of estates by
5 reforming and substantially increasing the unified credit,
6 extension of the research and experimentation tax credit,
7 extension of the deduction for small business expensing,
8 extension of the deduction for State and local sales taxes,
9 and a tax credit for school construction bonds, by the
10 amounts provided in such measure if such measure would
11 not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for the pe-
12 riod of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the period
13 of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

14 **SEC. 307. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR REFORM**
15 **OF THE ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX.**

16 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
17 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
18 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
19 lution, amendment, or conference report that provides for
20 reform of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by reducing
21 the tax burden of the alternative minimum tax on middle-
22 income families by the amounts provided in such measure
23 if such measure would not increase the deficit or decrease
24 the surplus for the period of fiscal years 2008 through
25 2013 or for the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

1 **SEC. 308. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR HIGHER**
2 **EDUCATION.**

3 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
4 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
5 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
6 lution, amendment, or conference report that makes col-
7 lege more affordable or accessible through reforms to the
8 Higher Education Act of 1965 or other legislation by the
9 amounts provided in such measure if such measure would
10 not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for the pe-
11 riod of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the period
12 of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

13 **SEC. 309. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR AFFORD-**
14 **ABLE HOUSING.**

15 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
16 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
17 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
18 lution, amendment, or conference report that provides for
19 an affordable housing fund, offset by reforming the regu-
20 lation of certain government-sponsored enterprises, by the
21 amounts provided in such measure if such measure would
22 not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for the pe-
23 riod of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the period
24 of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

1 **SEC. 310. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR MEDI-**
2 **CARE IMPROVEMENTS.**

3 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
4 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
5 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
6 lution, amendment, or conference report that improves the
7 Medicare program for beneficiaries and protects access to
8 care, through measures such as increasing the reimburse-
9 ment rate for physicians while protecting beneficiaries
10 from associated premium increases and making improve-
11 ments to the prescription drug program under part D, by
12 the amounts provided in such measure if such measure
13 would not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for
14 the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the
15 period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

16 **SEC. 311. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR HEALTH**
17 **CARE QUALITY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND EFFI-**
18 **CIENCY.**

19 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
20 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
21 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
22 lution, amendment, or conference report that—

23 (1) provides incentives or other support for
24 adoption of modern information technology, includ-
25 ing electronic prescribing, to improve quality and
26 protect privacy in health care;

1 (2) establishes a new Federal or public-private
2 initiative for research on the comparative effective-
3 ness of different medical interventions; or

4 (3) provides parity between health insurance
5 coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for
6 medical and surgical services, including parity in
7 public programs;

8 by the amounts provided in such measure if such measure
9 would not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for
10 the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the
11 period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

12 **SEC. 312. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR MED-**
13 **ICAID AND OTHER PROGRAMS.**

14 (a) REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS.—
15 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
16 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
17 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
18 lution, amendment, or conference report that prevents or
19 delays the implementation or administration of regulations
20 or other administrative actions that would affect the Med-
21 icaid, SCHIP, or other programs by the amounts provided
22 in such measure if such measure would not increase the
23 deficit or decrease the surplus for the period of fiscal years
24 2008 through 2013 or for the period of fiscal years 2008
25 through 2018.

1 (b) TRANSITIONAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND
2 QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS.—In the House, the chairman
3 of the Committee on the Budget may revise the alloca-
4 tions, aggregates, and other appropriate levels in this reso-
5 lution for any bill, joint resolution, amendment, or con-
6 ference report that extends the transitional medical assist-
7 ance program or the qualifying individuals program, which
8 are included in title XIX of the Social Security Act, by
9 the amounts provided in such measure if such measure
10 would not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for
11 the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the
12 period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

13 **SEC. 313. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR TRADE**
14 **ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE AND UNEMPLOY-**
15 **MENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION.**

16 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
17 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
18 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
19 lution, amendment, or conference report that reauthorizes
20 the trade adjustment assistance program to better meet
21 the challenges of globalization or modernizes the unem-
22 ployment insurance system to improve access to needed
23 benefits by the amounts provided in such measure if such
24 measure would not increase the deficit or decrease the sur-

1 plus for the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or
 2 for the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

3 **SEC. 314. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR COUNTY**
 4 **PAYMENTS LEGISLATION.**

5 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
 6 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
 7 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
 8 lution, amendment, or conference report that provides for
 9 the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Com-
 10 munity Self Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-
 11 393) or makes changes to the Payments in Lieu of Taxes
 12 Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-565) by the amounts pro-
 13 vided in such measure if such measure would not increase
 14 the deficit or decrease the surplus for the period of fiscal
 15 years 2008 through 2013 or for the period of fiscal years
 16 2008 through 2018.

17 **SEC. 315. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR SAN JOA-**
 18 **QUIN RIVER RESTORATION AND NAVAJO NA-**
 19 **TION WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENTS.**

20 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
 21 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
 22 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
 23 lution, amendment, or conference report that would fulfill
 24 the purposes of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settle-
 25 ment Act or implement a Navajo Nation water rights set-

1 tlement as authorized by the Northwestern New Mexico
2 Rural Water Projects Act by the amounts provided in such
3 measure if such measure would not increase the deficit
4 or decrease the surplus for the period of fiscal years 2008
5 through 2013 or for the period of fiscal years 2008
6 through 2018.

7 **SEC. 316. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE NA-**
8 **TIONAL PARK CENTENNIAL FUND.**

9 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
10 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
11 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
12 lution, amendment, or conference report that provides for
13 the establishment of the National Parks Centennial Fund
14 by the amounts provided in such measure for that purpose
15 if such measure would not increase the deficit or decrease
16 the surplus for the period of fiscal years 2008 through
17 2013 or for the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2018

18 **SEC. 317. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR CHILD**
19 **SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.**

20 In the House, the chairman of the Committee on the
21 Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other
22 appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint reso-
23 lution, amendment, or conference report that improves
24 Federal child support collection efforts or results in more
25 collected child support reaching families by the amounts

1 provided in such measure if such measure would not in-
2 crease the deficit or decrease the surplus for the period
3 of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or for the period of
4 fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

5 **TITLE IV—BUDGET** 6 **ENFORCEMENT**

7 **SEC. 401. PROGRAM INTEGRITY INITIATIVES.**

8 (a) ADJUSTMENTS TO DISCRETIONARY SPENDING
9 LIMITS.—

10 (1) CONTINUING DISABILITY REVIEWS AND
11 SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME REDETERMINA-
12 TIONS.—In the House, prior to consideration of a
13 bill or joint resolution making appropriations for fis-
14 cal year 2009 that appropriates \$264,000,000 for
15 continuing disability reviews and Supplemental Secu-
16 rity Income redeterminations for the Social Security
17 Administration, and provides an additional appro-
18 priation of up to \$240,000,000, and the amount is
19 designated for continuing disability reviews and Sup-
20 plemental Security Income redeterminations for the
21 Social Security Administration, the allocation to the
22 Committee on Appropriations shall be increased by
23 the amount of the additional budget authority and
24 outlays resulting from that budget authority for fis-
25 cal year 2009.

1 (2) INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TAX COMPLI-
2 ANCE.—In the House, prior to consideration of a bill
3 or joint resolution making appropriations for fiscal
4 year 2009 that appropriates \$6,997,000,000 to the
5 Internal Revenue Service and the amount is des-
6 ignated to improve compliance with the provisions of
7 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and provides an
8 additional appropriation of up to \$490,000,000, and
9 the amount is designated to improve compliance with
10 the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
11 the allocation to the Committee on Appropriations
12 shall be increased by the amount of the additional
13 budget authority and outlays resulting from that
14 budget authority for fiscal year 2009.

15 (3) HEALTH CARE FRAUD AND ABUSE CONTROL
16 PROGRAM.—In the House, prior to consideration of
17 a bill or joint resolution making appropriations for
18 fiscal year 2009 that appropriates up to
19 \$198,000,000 and the amount is designated to the
20 health care fraud and abuse control program at the
21 Department of Health and Human Services, the al-
22 location to the Committee on Appropriations shall be
23 increased by the amount of additional budget au-
24 thority and outlays resulting from that budget au-
25 thority for fiscal year 2009.

1 (4) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM IN-
2 TEGRITY ACTIVITIES.—In the House, prior to con-
3 sideration of a bill or joint resolution making appro-
4 priations for fiscal year 2009 that appropriates
5 \$10,000,000 for in-person reemployment and eligi-
6 bility assessments and unemployment insurance im-
7 proper payment reviews for the Department of
8 Labor and provides an additional appropriation of
9 up to \$40,000,000, and the amount is designated for
10 in-person reemployment and eligibility assessments
11 and unemployment insurance improper payment re-
12 views for the Department of Labor, the allocation to
13 the Committee on Appropriations shall be increased
14 by the amount of additional budget authority and
15 outlays resulting from that budget authority for fis-
16 cal year 2009.

17 (b) PROCEDURE FOR ADJUSTMENTS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the House, prior to con-
19 sideration of a bill, joint resolution, amendment, or
20 conference report, the chairman of the Committee on
21 the Budget shall make the adjustments set forth in
22 subsection (a) for the incremental new budget au-
23 thority in that measure and the outlays resulting
24 from that budget authority if that measure meets
25 the requirements set forth in subsection (a), except

1 that no adjustment shall be made for provisions ex-
2 empted for the purposes of titles III and IV of the
3 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 under section 404
4 of this resolution.

5 (2) MATTERS TO BE ADJUSTED.—The adjust-
6 ments referred to in paragraph (1) are to be made
7 to—

8 (A) the allocations made pursuant to the
9 appropriate concurrent resolution on the budget
10 pursuant to section 302(a) of the Congressional
11 Budget Act of 1974; and

12 (B) the budgetary aggregates as set forth
13 in this resolution.

14 **SEC. 402. OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE.**

15 In the House, all committees are directed to review
16 programs within their jurisdiction to root out waste, fraud,
17 and abuse in program spending, giving particular scrutiny
18 to issues raised by Government Accountability Office re-
19 ports. Based on these oversight efforts and committee per-
20 formance reviews of programs within their jurisdiction,
21 committees are directed to include recommendations for
22 improved governmental performance in their annual views
23 and estimates reports required under section 301(d) of the
24 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to the Committee on
25 the Budget.

1 **SEC. 403. POINT OF ORDER AGAINST ADVANCE APPROPRIA-**
2 **TIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the House, except as provided
4 in subsection (b), a bill or joint resolution making a gen-
5 eral appropriation or continuing appropriation, or an
6 amendment thereto or a conference report thereon, may
7 not provide for advance appropriations.

8 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—In the House, an advance appro-
9 priation may be provided for fiscal year 2010 for pro-
10 grams, projects, activities, or accounts identified in the re-
11 port to accompany this resolution or the joint explanatory
12 statement of managers to accompany this resolution under
13 the heading “Accounts Identified for Advance Appropria-
14 tions” in an aggregate amount not to exceed
15 \$27,558,000,000 in new budget authority, and for 2011,
16 accounts separately identified under the same heading.

17 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “advance
18 appropriation” means any new discretionary budget au-
19 thority provided in a bill or joint resolution making gen-
20 eral appropriations or any new discretionary budget au-
21 thority provided in a bill or joint resolution continuing ap-
22 propriations for fiscal year 2009 that first becomes avail-
23 able for any fiscal year after 2009.

1 **SEC. 404. OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENTS AND EMERGENCY**
2 **NEEDS.**

3 (a) OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENTS AND RELATED ACTIVI-
4 TIES.—In the House, if any bill, joint resolution, amend-
5 ment, or conference report makes appropriations for fiscal
6 year 2008 or fiscal year 2009 for overseas deployments
7 and related activities, and such amounts are so designated
8 pursuant to this subsection, then new budget authority
9 and outlays resulting therefrom shall not count for the
10 purposes of titles III and IV of the Congressional Budget
11 Act of 1974.

12 (b) EMERGENCY NEEDS.—In the House, if any bill,
13 joint resolution, amendment, or conference report makes
14 appropriations for discretionary amounts, and such
15 amounts are designated as necessary to meet emergency
16 needs, then the new budget authority and outlays resulting
17 therefrom shall not count for the purposes of titles III and
18 IV of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

19 **SEC. 405. BUDGETARY TREATMENT OF CERTAIN DISCRE-**
20 **TIONARY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the House, notwithstanding
22 section 302(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of
23 1974, section 13301 of the Budget Enforcement Act of
24 1990, and section 4001 of the Omnibus Budget Reconcili-
25 ation Act of 1989, the joint explanatory statement accom-
26 panying the conference report on any concurrent resolu-

1 tion on the budget shall include in its allocation under sec-
2 tion 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to
3 the Committee on Appropriations amounts for the discre-
4 tionary administrative expenses of the Social Security Ad-
5 ministration and of the Postal Service.

6 (b) SPECIAL RULE.—In the House, for purposes of
7 applying section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act
8 of 1974, estimates of the level of total new budget author-
9 ity and total outlays provided by a measure shall include
10 any off-budget discretionary amounts.

11 **SEC. 406. APPLICATION AND EFFECT OF CHANGES IN ALLO-**
12 **CATIONS AND AGGREGATES.**

13 (a) APPLICATION.—Any adjustments of allocations
14 and aggregates made pursuant to this resolution shall—

15 (1) apply while that measure is under consider-
16 ation;

17 (2) take effect upon the enactment of that
18 measure; and

19 (3) be published in the Congressional Record as
20 soon as practicable.

21 (b) EFFECT OF CHANGED ALLOCATIONS AND AG-
22 GREGATES.—Revised allocations and aggregates resulting
23 from these adjustments shall be considered for the pur-
24 poses of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 as alloca-
25 tions and aggregates contained in this resolution.

1 (c) BUDGET COMMITTEE DETERMINATIONS.—In the
2 House, for purposes of this resolution, the levels of new
3 budget authority, outlays, direct spending, new entitle-
4 ment authority, revenues, deficits, and surpluses for a fis-
5 cal year or period of fiscal years shall be determined on
6 the basis of estimates made by the Committee on the
7 Budget.

8 **SEC. 407. ADJUSTMENTS TO REFLECT CHANGES IN CON-**
9 **CEPTS AND DEFINITIONS.**

10 In the House, upon the enactment of any bill or joint
11 resolution providing for a change in concepts or defini-
12 tions, the chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
13 make adjustments to the levels and allocations in this res-
14 olution in accordance with section 251(b) of the Balanced
15 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (as
16 in effect prior to September 30, 2002).

17 **SEC. 408. EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.**

18 The House adopts the provisions of this title—

19 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
20 the House and as such they shall be considered as
21 part of the rules of the House, and these rules shall
22 supersede other rules of the House only to the ex-
23 tent that they are inconsistent with other such rules
24 of the House; and

1 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
2 right of the House to change those rules at any
3 time, in the same manner, and to the same extent
4 as in the case of any other rule of the House.

5 **TITLE V—POLICY**

6 **SEC. 501. POLICY ON MIDDLE-INCOME TAX RELIEF.**

7 It is the policy of this resolution to—

8 (1) minimize fiscal burdens on middle-income
9 families and their children and grandchildren;

10 (2) provide immediate relief for the tens of mil-
11 lions of middle-income households who would other-
12 wise be subject to the alternative minimum tax
13 (AMT) under current law, in the context of perma-
14 nent, revenue-neutral AMT reform; and

15 (3) support extension of middle-income tax re-
16 lief and enhanced economic equity through policies
17 such as—

18 (A) extension of the child tax credit;

19 (B) extension of marriage penalty relief;

20 (C) extension of the 10 percent individual
21 income tax bracket;

22 (D) elimination of estate taxes on all but
23 a minute fraction of estates by reforming and
24 substantially increasing the unified tax credit;

1 (E) extension of the research and experi-
2 mentation tax credit;

3 (F) extension of the deduction for State
4 and local sales taxes;

5 (G) extension of the deduction for small
6 business expensing; and

7 (H) enactment of a tax credit for school
8 construction bonds.

9 This resolution assumes that the cost of enacting such
10 policies is offset by reforms within the Internal Revenue
11 Code of 1986 that promote a fairer distribution of taxes
12 across families and generations, economic efficiency, high-
13 er rates of tax compliance to close the “tax gap,” and re-
14 duced taxpayer burdens through tax simplification.

15 **SEC. 502. POLICY ON DEFENSE PRIORITIES.**

16 It is the policy of this resolution that—

17 (1) the Administration’s budget requests should
18 comply with section 1008, Public Law 109–364, the
19 John Warner National Defense Authorization Act
20 for Fiscal Year 2007, and the Administration should
21 no longer attempt to fund overseas military oper-
22 ations through emergency supplemental appropria-
23 tions requests;

1 (2) the Department of Defense should exclude
2 nonwar requirements from its funding requests for
3 Iraq and Afghanistan;

4 (3) implementing the recommendation of the
5 National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the
6 United States (commonly referred to as the 9/11
7 Commission) to adequately fund cooperative threat
8 reduction and nuclear nonproliferation programs (se-
9 curing “loose nukes”) is a high priority and should
10 receive far greater emphasis than the President’s
11 budget provides;

12 (4) readiness of our troops, particularly the Na-
13 tional Guard and Reserve, is a high priority, and
14 that greater emphasis needs to be placed on miti-
15 gating equipment and training shortfalls;

16 (5) TRICARE fees for military retirees under
17 the age of 65 should not be increased as the Presi-
18 dent’s budget proposes;

19 (6) military pay and benefits should be en-
20 hanced to improve the quality of life of military per-
21 sonnel;

22 (7) improving military health care services con-
23 tinues to be a high priority and adequate funding to
24 ensure quality health care for returning combat vet-
25 erans should be provided;

1 (8) higher priority defense needs could be ad-
2 dressed by funding missile defense at an adequate
3 but lower level, not providing funding for develop-
4 ment of space-based missile defense interceptors,
5 and by restraining excessive cost and schedule
6 growth in defense research, development and pro-
7 curement programs;

8 (9) the Department of Defense should reassess
9 current defense plans to ensure that weapons devel-
10 oped to counter cold war-era threats are not redun-
11 dant and are applicable to 21st century threats;

12 (10) sufficient resources should be provided for
13 the Department of Defense to do an aggressive job
14 of addressing as many as possible of the 1,260
15 unimplemented recommendations made by the Gov-
16 ernment Accountability Office (GAO) over the last 7
17 years to improve practices at the Department of De-
18 fense, including investigation of the billions of dol-
19 lars of obligations, disbursements and overcharges
20 for which the Department of Defense cannot ac-
21 count;

22 (11) savings from the actions recommended in
23 paragraphs (8) and (10) of this section should be
24 used to fund the priorities identified in paragraphs
25 (3) through (7);

1 (12) the Department of Defense report to Con-
2 gress on its assessment of cold war weapons and
3 progress on implementing GAO recommendations as
4 outlined in paragraphs (9) and (10) by a time deter-
5 mined by the appropriate authorizing committees;
6 and

7 (13) the GAO report to the appropriate con-
8 gressional committees by the end of the 110th Con-
9 gress regarding the Department of Defense’s
10 progress in implementing its audit recommendations.

11 **TITLE VI—SENSE OF THE HOUSE**

12 **SEC. 601. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON THE INNOVATION**

13 **AGENDA AND AMERICA COMPETES ACT.**

14 It is the sense of the House that—

15 (1) the House should provide sufficient funding
16 so that our Nation may continue to be the world
17 leader in education, innovation and economic
18 growth;

19 (2) last year, Congress passed and the Presi-
20 dent signed the America COMPETES Act, bipar-
21 tisan legislation designed to ensure that American
22 students, teachers, businesses, and workers are pre-
23 pared to continue leading the world in innovation,
24 research, and technology well into the future;

1 (3) this resolution supports the efforts author-
2 ized in the America COMPETES Act, providing
3 substantially increased funding above the President's
4 requested level for 2009, and increased amounts
5 after 2009 in Function 250 (General Science, Space
6 and Technology) and Function 270 (Energy);

7 (4) additional increases for scientific research
8 and education are included in Function 500 (Edu-
9 cation, Employment, Training and Social Services),
10 Function 550 (Health), Function 300 (Environment
11 and Natural Resources), and Function 370 (Com-
12 merce and Housing Credit), all of which receive
13 more funding than the President's budget provides;

14 (5) because America's greatest resource for in-
15 novation resides within classrooms across the coun-
16 try, the increased funding provided in this resolution
17 will support initiatives within the America COM-
18 PETES Act to educate tens of thousands of new sci-
19 entists, engineers, and mathematicians, and place
20 highly qualified teachers in math and science K-12
21 classrooms; and

22 (6) because independent scientific research pro-
23 vides the foundation for innovation and future tech-
24 nologies, this resolution will keep us on the path to-
25 ward doubling funding for the National Science

1 Foundation, basic research in the physical sciences,
2 and collaborative research partnerships, and toward
3 achieving energy independence through the develop-
4 ment of clean and sustainable alternative energy
5 technologies.

6 **SEC. 602. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON SERVICEMEMBERS'**
7 **AND VETERANS' HEALTH CARE AND OTHER**
8 **PRIORITIES.**

9 It is the sense of the House that—

10 (1) the House supports excellent health care for
11 current and former members of the United States
12 Armed Services—they have served well and honor-
13 ably and have made significant sacrifices for this
14 Nation;

15 (2) this resolution provides \$48,150,000,000 in
16 discretionary budget authority for 2009 for Function
17 700 (Veterans Benefits and Services), including vet-
18 erans' health care, which is \$4,888,000,000 more
19 than the 2008 level, \$3,602,000,000 more than the
20 Congressional Budget Office's baseline level for
21 2009, and \$3,232,000,000 more than the Presi-
22 dent's budget for 2009; and also provides more dis-
23 cretionary budget authority than the President's
24 budget in every year after 2009;

1 (3) this resolution provides funding to continue
2 addressing problems such as those identified at Wal-
3 ter Reed Army Medical Center to improve military
4 and veterans' health care facilities and services;

5 (4) this resolution assumes the rejection of the
6 health care enrollment fees and pharmaceutical co-
7 payment increases in the President's budget;

8 (5) this resolution provides additional funding
9 above the President's inadequate budget levels for
10 the Department of Veterans Affairs to research and
11 treat veterans' mental health, post-traumatic stress
12 disorder, and traumatic brain injury; and

13 (6) this resolution provides additional funding
14 above the President's inadequate budget levels for
15 the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve the
16 speed and accuracy of its processing of disability
17 compensation claims, including funding to hire addi-
18 tional personnel above the President's requested
19 level.

20 **SEC. 603. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON HOMELAND SECURITY.**

21 It is the sense of the House that—

22 (1) this resolution assumes additional homeland
23 security funding above the President's requested
24 level for 2009 and every subsequent year;

1 (2) this resolution assumes funding above the
2 President’s requested level for 2009, and additional
3 amounts in subsequent years, in the four budget
4 functions—Function 400 (Transportation), Function
5 450 (Community and Regional Development), Func-
6 tion 550 (Health), and Function 750 (Administra-
7 tion of Justice)—that fund most nondefense home-
8 land security activities; and

9 (3) the homeland security funding provided in
10 this resolution will help to strengthen the security of
11 our Nation’s transportation system, particularly our
12 ports where significant security shortfalls still exist
13 and foreign ports, by expanding efforts to identify
14 and scan all high-risk United States-bound cargo,
15 equip, train and support first responders (including
16 enhancing interoperable communications and emer-
17 gency management), strengthen border patrol, and
18 increase the preparedness of the public health sys-
19 tem.

20 **SEC. 604. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING LONG-TERM**
21 **FISCAL REFORM.**

22 It is the sense of the House that—

23 (1) both the Government Accountability Office
24 and the Congressional Budget Office have warned

1 that the Federal budget is on an unsustainable path
2 of rising deficits and debt;

3 (2) using recent trend data and reasonable pol-
4 icy assumptions, CBO has projected that the gap be-
5 tween spending and revenues over the next 75 years
6 will reach 6.9 percent of GDP;

7 (3) publicly held debt will rise from 36 percent
8 today to 400 percent of GDP by the decade begin-
9 ning in 2050 under CBO's alternative policy sce-
10 nario;

11 (4) the most significant factor affecting the
12 long-term Federal fiscal landscape is the expectation
13 that total public and private health spending will
14 continue to grow faster than the economy;

15 (5) the House calls upon governmental and
16 nongovernmental experts to develop specific options
17 to reform the health care system and control costs,
18 that further research and analysis on topics includ-
19 ing comparative effectiveness, health information
20 technology, preventative care, and provider incen-
21 tives is needed, and that of critical importance is the
22 development of a consensus on the appropriate
23 methods for estimating the budgetary impact and
24 health outcome effects of these proposals; and

1 (3) title IV also includes a cap adjustment for
2 the Internal Revenue Services for tax compliance ef-
3 forts to close the \$300,000,000,000 tax gap;

4 (4) the resolution's deficit-neutral reserve funds
5 require authorizing committees to cut lower priority
6 and wasteful spending to accommodate any new
7 high-priority entitlement benefits; and

8 (5) title IV of the resolution directs all commit-
9 tees to review the performance of programs within
10 their jurisdiction and report recommendations annu-
11 ally to the Committee on the Budget as part of the
12 views and estimates process required by section
13 301(d) of the Congressional Budget Act.

14 **SEC. 606. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING EXTENSION**
15 **OF THE STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO RULE.**

16 It is the sense of the House that to reduce the deficit,
17 Congress should extend the PAYGO rules originally en-
18 acted in the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990.

19 **SEC. 607. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON LONG-TERM BUDG-**
20 **ETING.**

21 It is the sense of the Congress that the determination
22 of the congressional budget for the United States Govern-
23 ment and the President's budget request should include
24 consideration of the Financial Report of the United States
25 Government, especially its information regarding the Gov-

1 ernments net operating cost, financial position, and long-
2 term liabilities.

3 **SEC. 608. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING THE NEED TO**
4 **MAINTAIN AND BUILD UPON EFFORTS TO**
5 **FIGHT HUNGER.**

6 It is the sense of the House that—

7 (1) 35.5 million Americans (12.6 million of
8 them children) are food insecure—uncertain of hav-
9 ing, or unable to acquire, enough food, and that
10 11.1 million Americans are hungry because of lack
11 of food;

12 (2) despite the critical contributions of the De-
13 partment of Agriculture nutrition programs (particu-
14 larly the food stamp program), which significantly
15 reduced payment error rates while providing help to
16 partially mitigate the effects of rising poverty and
17 unemployment, significant need remains, even
18 among families that receive food stamps;

19 (3) nearly 25 million people, including more
20 than nine million children and nearly three million
21 seniors, sought emergency food assistance from food
22 pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and local charities
23 last year;

24 (4) legislation that passed the House with bi-
25 partisan support was an appropriate first step to-

1 ward ensuring that nutrition assistance keeps up
2 with inflation and rising food prices; and

3 (5) Department of Agriculture programs that
4 help us fight hunger should be maintained and that
5 the House should continue to seize opportunities to
6 reach Americans in need and to fight hunger.

7 **SEC. 609. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING AFFORDABLE**
8 **HEALTH COVERAGE.**

9 It is the sense of the House that—

10 (1) nearly 47 million Americans, including nine
11 million children, lack health insurance;

12 (2) people without health insurance are more
13 likely to experience problems getting medical care
14 and to be hospitalized for avoidable health problems;

15 (3) most Americans receive health coverage
16 through their employers, and a major issue facing all
17 employers is the rising cost of health insurance;

18 (4) small businesses, which have generated
19 most of the new jobs annually over the last decade,
20 have an especially difficult time affording health cov-
21 erage, because of higher administrative costs and
22 fewer people over whom to spread the risk of cata-
23 strophic costs;

24 (5) because it is especially costly for small busi-
25 nesses to provide health coverage, their employees

1 make up a large proportion of the Nation's unin-
2 sured individuals; and

3 (6) legislation consistent with the pay-as-you-go
4 principle should be adopted that makes health insur-
5 ance more affordable and accessible, with attention
6 to the special circumstances affecting employees of
7 small businesses, and that lowers costs and improves
8 the quality of health care by encouraging integration
9 of health information technology tools into the prac-
10 tice of medicine, and by promoting improvements in
11 disease management and disease prevention.

12 **SEC. 610. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING PAY PARITY.**

13 It is the sense of the House that rates of compensa-
14 tion for civilian employees of the United States should be
15 adjusted at the same time, and in the same proportion,
16 as are rates of compensation for members of the uni-
17 formed services.

18 **SEC. 611. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING SUBPRIME**
19 **LENDING AND FORECLOSURES.**

20 It is the sense of the House that—

21 (1) over the last six months, the Nation has ex-
22 perience a significant increase in the number of
23 homeowners facing the risk of foreclosure with esti-
24 mates of as many as 2.8 million subprime and other

1 distressed borrowers facing the loss of their homes
2 over the next five years;

3 (2) the rise in foreclosures not only has an im-
4 mediate, devastating impact on homeowners and
5 their families, but it also has ripple effects—

6 (A) local communities experiencing high
7 levels of foreclosures experience deterioration as
8 a result of the large number of vacant fore-
9 closed and abandoned homes;

10 (B) rising foreclosure rates can accelerate
11 drops in home prices, affecting all homeowners;
12 and

13 (C) home mortgage default and foreclosure
14 rates increase risk for lenders, further restrict-
15 ing the availability of credit, which can in turn
16 slow economic growth; and

17 (3) the rise in foreclosures is not only a crisis
18 for subprime borrowers, but a larger problem for
19 communities as a whole, and considering the multi-
20 layered effects of increasing foreclosures, the House
21 should consider steps to address this complex prob-
22 lem.

23 **SEC. 612. SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE**
24 **OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.**

25 It is the sense of the House that—

1 (1) additional legislative action is needed to en-
2 sure that States have the necessary resources to col-
3 lect all child support that is owed to families and to
4 allow them to pass 100 percent of support on to
5 families without financial penalty; and

6 (2) when 100 percent of child support payments
7 are passed to the child, rather than administrative
8 expenses, program integrity is improved and child
9 support participation increases.

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