

Con. Res. 83, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2002. The budget resolution figures incorporate revisions submitted by the Committee on the Budget to the House to reflect funding for emergency requirements. These revisions are required

by section 314 of the Congressional Budget Act, as amended.

Since my last letter dated July 12, 2001, the Congress has cleared and the President has signed the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2001 (P.L. 107-20), which changed budget au-

thority and outlays for 2002. The effects of this new law are identified in the enclosed table.

Sincerely,

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(For Dan L. Crippe, Director).

FISCAL YEAR 2002 HOUSE CURRENT LEVEL REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2001

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
Enacted in previous sessions:			
Revenues	0	0	1,703,488
Permanents and other spending legislation	984,540	934,501	0
Appropriation legislation	0	280,919	0
Offsetting receipts	-321,790	-321,790	0
Total, previously enacted	662,750	893,630	1,703,488
Enacted this session:			
An act to provide reimbursement authority to the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior from wildland fire management funds (P.L. 107-13)	0	-3	0
Fallen Hero Survivor Benefit Fairness Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-15)	0	0	-7
Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-16)	6,425	6,425	-31,337
An act to clarify the authority of the Department of Housing and Urban Development with respect to the use of fees (P.L. 107-18)	8	9	8
An act to authorize funding for the National 4-H Program Centennial Initiative (P.L. 107-19)	0	2	0
Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2001 (P.L. 107-20)	65	4,576	0
Total, enacted this session	6,498	11,009	-31,336
Entitlements and Mandatories: Budget resolution baseline estimates of appropriated entitlements and other mandatory programs not yet enacted	308,716	294,172	0
Total Current Level	977,964	1,198,811	1,672,152
Total Budget Resolution	1,627,934	1,590,617	1,638,202
Current Level Over Budget Resolution	0	0	33,950
Current Level Under Budget Resolution	-649,970	-391,806	0
Memorandum:			
Revenues, 2002-2006:			
House Current Level	0	0	8,897,349
House Budget Resolution	0	0	8,878,506
Current Level Over Budget Resolution	0	0	18,843

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

Notes: P.L.=Public Law.

Section 314 of the Congressional Budget Act, as amended, requires that the House Budget Committee revise the budget resolution to reflect funding provided in bills reported by the House for emergency requirements, disability reviews, an Earned Income Tax Credit compliance initiative, and adoption assistance. To date, the Budget Committee has increased the budget authority allocation in the budget resolution by \$1,446 million, and the outlay allocation by \$143 million for these purposes. Those amounts are not included in the current level because the funding has not yet been enacted.

UNIQUE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, before I begin my Special Order this evening that will address unique legislative issues, I would like to join my colleague who spoke just a few moments ago to acknowledge the great loss of Chaplain Jim Ford, a very special friend to us all.

I am particularly privileged because Chaplain Ford visited my home district in Houston, the 18th Congressional District, and spoke at the pulpit of the church pastored by Reverend Willy Jones. That church is still riveted by the friendship shown by Chaplain Ford, the good humor, and the ability to interact with different faiths.

We know that he is among the angels, and we offer to him and his family our deepest sympathy and our deepest love.

Madam Speaker I wanted to address tonight several issues. First of all, let me do one that is particularly joyous for me in this time of technology and web pages and communications by e-mail.

Let me congratulate First Lady Laura Bush for an exciting weekend, which I am sorry that I missed; but I hope it will be captured around the Nation. That is the National Book Festival; 25,000 persons enjoyed literary art, enjoyed the reading of famous authors actually reading from books. I hope this will take off around the Nation so that this Nation never lacks its appreciation for the written word, for wonderful books written by our na-

tional authors. Let us do this around our Nation. I thank Laura Bush, the first lady, for an outstanding job.

Now, I hope that this viewpoint is one that will be based upon the concern for saving lives. In February of this year, 2001, I came to the floor of the House and acknowledged that I believe that the policy toward the Middle East by this administration is wrongheaded and misdirected. I said that because many times engagement in diplomacy is painful. Many times it results in failure. But it is often utilized as the only vehicle and only tool to save lives.

Much laughter and criticism was given to President Clinton in the last days of his administration as he engaged in shuttle diplomacy between Camp David and Washington, D.C. and the country of Israel. I did not find it humorous because it was an attempt to save lives.

Since we have disengaged with the Mideast, all that has resulted is the loss of lives, bloodshed for women, children, and men, both in the Palestinian people and in the Israeli people.

Can anyone believe that our disengagement has been victorious? Does anyone believe in reality that one can stand off to the corner and point fingers and tell “those guys” to get to the table of empowerment and peace? No. It is well known that the United States carries a heavy stick with respect to these particular countries, and it also is well known that the United States’ good will is very important in bringing these two disparate worlds together.

Day after day after day, Arab militants and then Israelis on the other side are engaging in a bloody battle. This is a war. This has accelerated to

more than a conflict. I believe our foreign policy on this issue is wrong.

It pains me, as we move to some of the humblest and most sacred times in the Jewish community here in the United States and across the world, two of their most important holidays over the next 2 to 3 weeks in the United States will be honored, and of course in Israel and around the world. Would it not be a wonderful tribute then to say that we are reengaged, that we want to save lives, that we want them to come to the peace table, and we say, “Stop the accusations, Arafat come to the table, Sharon come to the table, release yourselves from the strictures of hatred, and begin to talk about real issues of saving lives and living harmoniously together”?

I believe this is an enormously important issue and would ask the President and the administration and his advisers to wake up and understand the importance of U.S. involvement.

Let me conclude by answering my colleague’s comments on 245(i). As the ranking member on the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, it is wrong headed to interpret this particular legislative initiative as a general amnesty. All it is is because the Immigration and Naturalization Service made a mistake. They made a mistake with a date, they made a mistake administratively.

This is simply to allow those who are in the process of filing for legalization 10, 15 years ago, to reactivate their applications.

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Many of these people are family members who need to be reunited. Many of these people come from many

parts of the world. It is not isolated to people from Mexico. It is not isolated to people from South America. It includes people from Poland, from France, from India, from all continents around the world. It is simply an administrative snafu which is allowing people who legally apply to reapply and to follow the legal process. It is not an affirmation. It means the INS has to make a decision one way or the other.

THE BUDGET AND THE ECONOMY; MISSILE DEFENSE, AND SEX AND INTERNS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. MCINNIS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. MCINNIS. Madam Speaker, this evening I want to talk about a number of different issues with my colleagues.

As my colleagues know, we have just come back from our August recess and there are some issues that have come up. First of all, I hope later in the week to talk a little more about natural resources and talk about our public lands. I was up in Alaska and had the privilege to enjoy Mt. McKinley and Denali National Park. Beautiful. Alaska, as we all know, is a great, great State and I learned a lot on my trip up there.

I also spent a good deal of time back in my district, the Third Congressional District of Colorado, which many of my colleagues know includes almost all of the mountains of Colorado. In fact, the Third Congressional District of Colorado geographically is larger than the State of Florida. And of the 67 or so mountains above 14,000 feet in the United States, 53 of them are located in my district. It is the highest district in the Nation. As a result, there are a lot of things that are particular to the Third Congressional District not found in many other districts in the country.

Seventy-five percent of the land in this Nation, including Alaska, 75 percent of the land above 10,000 feet is in the Third Congressional District of Colorado. The Third Congressional District contains the majority or the largest amount of ski resorts of any congressional district in the United States, world-renowned resorts in Aspen, Colorado; Vail, Telluride, Durango, Steamboat, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. So I hope later this week to get an opportunity to address my colleagues on some of the issues like public lands, like water, like wilderness areas, national parks, and national monuments because these issues are very important.

But tonight I want to talk about a couple of other subjects. I would like to visit for a few minutes about the President and the budget and the economic situation that we are in. As many of my colleagues know, I serve on the Committee on Ways and Means, and that committee is working very hard

on both sides of the aisle to try to figure out some answers to what would be the appropriate government interaction in regards to the economy.

I would also like to talk about missile defense and the importance of missile defense. And the third thing I would like to talk about, and which I will start out at the very beginning with, is sex and interns.

I have come under a great deal of criticism in the last month when I have addressed the issues of inappropriate relationships between a United States Congressman, and I am speaking generically here, no specific Congressman, but speaking generically of the United States Congress and exactly what its ethics rules are in regards to inappropriate relationships with interns. That, I have received criticism for.

I have had people across the Nation, editorials across the Nation asking why would I think we need an ethical rule in the United States Congress to say that a sexual relationship with an intern is inappropriate? Well, we need that rule in the United States Congress for the same reason that we find that very rule, that very specific content in rules in every educational institution in the United States.

I defy any of my colleagues and I defy any of those editorial boards to pinpoint for me one high school in this Nation, to show me one college in this Nation that allows a teacher or a professor to have a sexual relationship or an inappropriate relationship with a student. They do not allow it. A teacher, a professor who engages in a sexual relationship with a student, they are gone. They are fired.

It was this body not very many years ago, as a result of Tailhook in the United States Navy, that addressed this with the Department of Defense and the executive agencies. They have very specific rules in our military. A commanding officer engaging in a sexual relationship with a consenting adult, an adult who is consenting but falls below them in the hierarchy of command, is gone. That fast. It does not matter. Why? Because they have a position of authority over the person they are having that sexual relationship with.

That is exactly what we have in the United States Congress. We have a position of authority over these interns. But in a lot of these cases these interns, in almost all these cases these interns are students. Now, sure, by the technical definition, these students are adults. I do not know what it is in D.C., maybe 15 or 16. So, theoretically, if they are above statutory rape age, 15 or 16 years old, they are an adult.

So some of these editorials and even some of my colleagues have said to me, hey, they are grown up. Give me a break. Why does the field of medicine, doctors, prohibit themselves from having sex with patients? It is considered an inappropriate relationship and it is in their ethics. They can lose their

medical license for an inappropriate relationship. Why does the clergy prohibit it? Because a clergy person, a priest or a minister, is not supposed to have an inappropriate relationship with a parishioner. It is against their ethical rules, their in-house rules. Why does the legal profession, lawyers, prohibit by the ethics of their bars their members from having an inappropriate relationship with their clients? It is because they exercise a great deal of influence over people.

Now, what I have proposed, contrary to some of the news reports across the Nation, is not precedent setting. It is not some novel idea that I came up with. It is simply taking the language that applies in the military, that applies in the clergy, that applies in the teaching profession, that applies in the medical profession, that applies in the legal profession and apply it to the one institution in this country that has no ethical rule about it, to the best of my knowledge, and that is the United States Congress.

I am not saying going out there and trying to legislate morality. My proposal is not a piece of legislation. I have not introduced a bill. What I have asked is the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to give me an opinion as to whether or not under current ethics regulations, and it is clearly not clear, but under current ethics regulations if this type of relationship is prohibited. And if it is not prohibited, I have asked for an in-house rule, not legislation. We are not trying to draft a bill. I am not trying to legislate morality, I am just trying to say the same rules that prohibit us from misuse of government credit cards, for example, or things like that, that we put this in there as well. Just like every other major institution.

Now, remember, these interns are in the United States Congress. First of all, the internship program is what I care the most about, and I want to see that program preserved. It makes me sick that the late night talk shows spend a good deal of their jokes about interns in Washington, D.C. I have seen editorial cartoons across the Nation, and one in particular where they show an intern in a life raft, and I saw this the other day, an intern in a life raft, and her legs are hanging over the side. Underneath the life raft are a bunch of sharks and they have Congressmen as the names for the sharks.

I can say to the parents who have interns back here, that this is an exception, this type of inappropriate conduct with an intern. This is a program that has made many changes in young people's lives, and these are young people. These students and interns are not hard to determine who they are. Back here in the United States Congress, interns have separate IDs. Interns have a separate pay classification. They are back here as students of government. The interns are students of government and we are the teachers. We as the Congressmen exercise a disproportionate