

committee under this resolution shall not exceed \$848,624, of which amount (1) not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended), and (2) not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

SEC. 3. The committee may report its findings, together with such recommendations for legislation as it deems advisable, to the Senate at the earliest practical date, but not later than February 28, 2003.

SEC. 4. Expenses of the committee under this resolution shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the committee, except that vouchers shall not be required (1) for the disbursement of salaries of employees paid at an annual rate, or (2) for the payment of telecommunications provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Senate, or (3) for the payment of stationery supplies purchased through the Keeper of the Stationery, United States Senate, or (4) for payments to the Postmaster, United States Senate, or (5) for the payment of metered charges on copying equipment provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Senate, or (6) for the payment of Senate Recording and Photographic Services or (7) for payment of franked mail costs by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Senate.

SEC. 5. There are authorized such sums as may be necessary for agency contributions related to the compensation of employees of the committee from March 1, 2001, through September 30, 2001, and October 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002 and October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003, to be paid from the Appropriations account for “Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations.”

SENATE RESOLUTION 43—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD DESIGNATE THE WEEK OF MARCH 18 THROUGH MARCH 24, 2001, AS “NATIONAL INHALANTS AND POISONS AWARENESS WEEK”

Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. DEWINE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, as follows:

S. RES. 43

Whereas the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition has declared the week of March 18 through March 24, 2001, “National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week”;

Whereas inhalant abuse is nearing epidemic proportions, with almost 20 percent of young people admitting to experimenting with inhalants before graduating from high school;

Whereas only 4 percent of parents suspect that their children use inhalants;

Whereas inhalants are the third most popular substance used by youths through the eighth grade, behind only alcohol and tobacco;

Whereas 1,000 products can be inhaled to get high and those products are legal, inexpensive, and found in nearly every home and every corner market;

Whereas using inhalants only once can lead to kidney failure, brain damage, and even death;

Whereas inhalants are considered a gateway drug, leading to the use of harder, more deadly drugs;

Whereas inhalant use is difficult to detect, the products used are accessible and affordable, and abuse is common; and

Whereas increased education of young people and parents regarding the dangers of inhalants is an important step in the battle against drug abuse: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. NATIONAL RESPONSE TO INHALANT USE.

(a) **SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the President should designate the week of March 18 through March 24, 2001, as “National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week”; and

(2) parents should learn about the dangers of inhalant abuse and discuss those dangers with their children.

(b) **PROCLAMATION.**—The Senate requests that the President issue a proclamation—

(1) designating the week of March 18 through March 24, 2001, as “National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week”; and

(2) calling upon the people of the United States to observe “National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week” with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, today Senators DASCHLE, DEWINE and I rise to introduce a resolution that will help fight a silent epidemic among America’s youth. This epidemic can leave young people permanently brain damaged or, worse, dead. It is called inhalant abuse.

This resolution will designate the week of March 18 through March 24, 2001, as “National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week.”

What exactly are inhalants? Inhalants are the intentional breathing of gas or vapors for the purpose of reaching a high. Over 1,400 common products can be abused, such as lighter fluid, pressurized whipped cream, hair spray, and gasoline, the abused product of choice in rural Alaska. These products are inexpensive, easily obtained and legal.

An inhalant abuse counselor told me, “If it smells like a chemical, it can be abused.”

It’s a “silent epidemic” because few adults really appreciate the severity of the problem: One in five students has tried inhalants by the time they reach the eighth grade; use of inhalants by children has nearly doubled in the last 10 years; and inhalants are the third most abused substances among teenagers, behind alcohol and tobacco.

Inhalants are deadly. Inhalant vapors react with fatty tissues in the brain, literally dissolving them. One time use of inhalants can cause instant and permanent brain, heart, kidney, liver or other organ damage. The user can also suffer from instant heart failure known as “Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome;” this means an abuser can die the first, tenth or hundredth time he or she uses an inhalant.

In fact, according to a recent study by the Alaska Native Health Consortium, inhaling has a higher risk of “instant death” than any other abused substance.

That’s what happened to Theresa, an 18-year old who lived in rural Western Alaska. Theresa was inhaling gasoline; shortly thereafter, her heart stopped. She was found alone and outside in near zero temperatures. Theresa, who was the youngest of five children and just a month shy of graduation, was flown to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

Two years ago in Pennsylvania, a teenage driver, with four teenage passengers, lost control of her car in broad daylight. The car hit a tree with such impact that all passengers were killed. High levels of a chemical, found in computer keyboard cleaners, were found in the young driver’s body. A medical examiner’s report cited “impairment due to inhalant abuse” as the cause of the crash.

Mr. HAVILAND, the principal of the high school where the five girls attended, said neither teachers nor school administrators ever suspected that students were involved with inhalants.

Inhalants are considered a “gateway” to other illicit drug abuse. Because these products are legal, affordable and their abuse is hard to detect, awareness must be promoted among young people, parents and educators. We hope that a national week of awareness will encourage programs throughout the country, alerting parents and children to the dangers of inhalants.

I ask my colleagues to support and cosponsor this resolution. This national tragedy can be prevented through education and awareness. Hopefully, this week of awareness will save a child’s life, and end one of our nation’s silent epidemics.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 20—SETTING FORTH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

Mr. HOLLINGS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 20

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002.

(a) **DECLARATION.**—Congress determines and declares that this resolution is the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this concurrent resolution is as follows:

Sec. 1. Concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002.

TITLE I—LEVELS AND AMOUNTS

Sec. 101. Recommended levels and amounts.

Sec. 102. Social Security.

Sec. 103. Major functional categories.

TITLE II—BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS AND RULEMAKING

Sec. 201. Reserve fund for tax cuts in the event of a recession.

Sec. 202. Reserve fund for tax cuts in the event of a surplus.

Sec. 203. Exercise of rulemaking powers.

TITLE I—LEVELS AND AMOUNTS

SEC. 101. RECOMMENDED LEVELS AND AMOUNTS.

The following budgetary levels are the appropriate levels for the fiscal year 2002:

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

(A) The recommended level of Federal revenues pursuant to CBO estimates is \$1,703,488,000,000.

(B) The amount by which the aggregate level of Federal revenues should be changed is \$0.

(2) NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY.—For purposes of the enforcement of this resolution, the appropriate level of total new budget authority is \$1,600,781,000,000.

(3) BUDGET OUTLAYS.—For purposes of the enforcement of this resolution, the appropriate level of total budget outlays is \$1,561,391,000,000.

(4) DEFICITS.—For purposes of the enforcement of this resolution, according to CBO the amount of the deficit is plus \$142,097,000,000.

(5) PUBLIC DEBT.—The appropriate level of the public is \$5,564,449,000,000.

(6) DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC.—The appropriate level of the debt held by the public is \$2,848,489,000,000.

SEC. 102. SOCIAL SECURITY.

(a) SOCIAL SECURITY REVENUES.—For purposes of Senate enforcement under section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the amount of revenues of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund is \$532,308,000,000.

(b) SOCIAL SECURITY OUTLAYS.—For purposes of Senate enforcement under section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the amount of outlays of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund is \$360,171,000,000.

(c) SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—For purposes of Senate enforcement under section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the amounts of new budget authority and budget outlays of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for administrative expenses are \$3,579,000,000 for new budget authority, and \$3,525,000,000 for outlays.

SEC. 103. MAJOR FUNCTIONAL CATEGORIES.

Congress determines and declares that the appropriate levels of new budget authority, budget outlays, new direct loan obligations, and new primary loan guarantee commitments for fiscal year 2002 for each major functional category are:

(1) National Defense (050):
(A) New budget authority, \$321,022,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$313,400,000,000.

(2) International Affairs (150):
(A) New budget authority, \$23,214,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$18,838,000,000.

(3) General Science, Space, and Technology (250):
(A) New budget authority, \$21,583,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$20,725,000,000.

(4) Energy (270):
(A) New budget authority, \$1,360,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$-19,000,000.

(5) Natural Resources and Environment (300):
(A) New budget authority, \$30,031,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$28,305,000,000.

(6) Agriculture (350):
(A) New budget authority, \$19,265,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$17,593,000,000.

(7) Commerce and Housing Credit (370):
(A) New budget authority, \$10,174,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$6,587,000,000.

(8) Transportation (400):

(A) New budget authority, \$64,444,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$56,167,000,000.

(9) Community and Regional Development (450):
(A) New budget authority, \$11,892,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$11,730,000,000.

(10) Education, Training, Employment, and Social Services (500):
(A) New budget authority, \$80,924,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$76,658,000,000.

(11) Health (550):
(A) New budget authority, \$191,280,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$189,220,000,000.

(12) Medicare (570):
(A) New budget authority, \$229,179,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$229,121,000,000.

(13) Income Security (600):
(A) New budget authority, \$273,138,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$271,655,000,000.

(14) Social Security (650):
(A) New budget authority, \$11,004,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$11,003,000,000.

(15) Veterans Benefits and Services (700):
(A) New budget authority, \$51,248,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$50,657,000,000.

(16) Administration of Justice (750):
(A) New budget authority, \$32,431,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$31,436,000,000.

(17) General Government (800):
(A) New budget authority, \$16,496,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$16,193,000,000.

(18) Net Interest (900):
(A) New budget authority, \$254,882,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$254,882,000,000.

(19) Allowances (920):
(A) New budget authority, \$0.
(B) Outlays, \$0.

(20) Undistributed Offsetting Receipts (950):
(A) New budget authority, \$-42,303,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$-42,303,000,000.

(21) Multiple functions (990):
(A) New budget authority, \$-483,000,000.
(B) Outlays, \$-457,000,000.

TITLE II—BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS AND RULEMAKING

SEC. 201. RESERVE FUND FOR TAX CUTS IN THE EVENT OF A RECESSION.

(a) REPORTING A RECESSION.—If the budget and economic outlook update report provided pursuant to section 202(e)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 estimates that there will be 2 consecutive quarters of negative economic growth in the current quarter and the next 2 quarters, the chairman of the Committees on the Budget of the Senate or the House of Representatives, as applicable, may make the adjustments provided in subsection (b).

(b) ADJUSTMENTS.—The chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate or House of Representatives, as applicable, may—

(1) reduce the on-budget revenue aggregate by \$100,000,000,000; and

(2) direct the chairman of the Committee on Finance or the Committee on Ways and Means, as applicable, to report by a date certain a reconciliation bill reducing revenues by \$100,000,000,000.

SEC. 202. RESERVE FUND FOR TAX CUTS IN THE EVENT OF A SURPLUS.

(a) REPORTING A SURPLUS.—If the budget and economic outlook update report provided pursuant to section 202(e)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 estimates that the gross Federal debt for the budget year will be reduced, the chairman of the Committees on the Budget of the Senate or the House of Representatives, as applicable, may make the adjustments provided in subsection (b).

(b) ADJUSTMENTS.—The chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate or House of Representatives, as applicable, may—

(1) reduce the on-budget revenue aggregate by an amount equal to the amount of the reduction determined as provided in subsection (a); and

(2) direct the chairman of the Committee on Finance or the Committee on Ways and Means, as applicable, to report by a date certain a reconciliation bill reducing revenues by the amount of that reduction.

SEC. 203. EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.

Congress adopts the provisions of this title—

(1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the Senate and the House of Representatives, respectively, and as such they shall be considered as part of the rules of each House, or of that House to which they specifically apply, and such rules shall supersede other rules only to the extent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

(2) with full recognition of the constitutional right of either House to change those rules (so far as they relate to that House) at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of that House.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that an article I wrote entitled “Reaganomics II” be printed in the RECORD. This article provides an honest budgetary assessment and thereby makes the argument for why a one year budget is needed.

Reaganomics II, a tax cut of \$1.6 trillion, is steamrolling through the Congress. Reaganomics I, the tax cut of \$750 billion, gave us the biggest waste in history! The debt soared from less than \$1 trillion to \$4 trillion, now \$5.7 trillion, with interest costs of \$365 billion annually. In the last ten years we have wasted \$3.4 trillion on interest costs and we continue to spend each day, every day, \$1 billion for nothing. But President Bush and the Republican Congress charge on wailing about trillions of dollars in surplus, joined by the free press with USA Today’s headline of February 22, “Government Remains Awash In Money”. Awash in money? Surplus? Nowhere to be found. Ever since President Lyndon Johnson balanced the budget in 1969 we have ended each year with a deficit. Fiscal year 2000 ended in deficit, and the Secretary of the Treasury has just reported the debt has already increased this fiscal year another \$52 billion. President Bush’s budget, just submitted, shows the debt increasing in the next 10 years from \$5.637 trillion to \$7.159 trillion. No surplus.

The U.S. economy is hemorrhaging with a current account deficit of \$439 billion and the government is awash in red ink. The Social Security account at this moment is in the red \$1 trillion. The Medicare account is in the red \$238 billion. We owe Military Retirement \$156 billion. We owe Civil Service Retirement \$544 billion. The Unemployment Compensation fund is \$92 billion in the red. Yet the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, appears before Congress stating, “We are running out of debt to retire.” Ridiculous.

Greenspan justifies talk of “surplus” by dividing the national debt in two: debt borrowed from government accounts such as Social Security, Medicare, Military Retirement, etc.; and

debt owed the public by borrowing in the open market. The term “public debt” infers that is all the government owes. The government owes both public and government debt. Ignoring the overall national debt, Greenspan testifies only about public debt. He fears the public debt will be paid off and the investment of “surpluses” will become a political football. Last year when Greenspan called for paying down the debt, the public debt was \$3.4 trillion. Now it has only been paid down \$13 billion and he calls for a tax cut. And the reduction of \$13 billion is achieved by transferring \$13 billion of public debt to the government debt. It is like paying off your Visa with your MasterCard. You still owe the money. The national debt continues to increase, not be “paid down”. No surplus.

Dividing the national debt is a fraud. Worse, ten-year economic projections, or budgets, give President Bush running room for a \$1.6 trillion tax cut and a \$25 billion increase in spending—Reaganomics II! The President’s plan is contingent upon spending cuts that he knows Congress will reject, and the Democratic alternative of a \$900 billion tax cut is no more than Reaganomics Lite. Under each plan, deficits, on the decline for the past eight years, will increase. The national debt and interest costs will soar, the dollar weakened. To meet the demand for higher yields to offset the decline in the dollar, Greenspan will have to raise interest rates which will guarantee a hard landing.

There is no education in the second kick of a mule. The way to stop Reaganomics II is with a one-year budget. We survived 200 years with one year budgets. First, start with this year’s budget for next year. Freeze it. Debate and vote on any proposed cuts and require that amendments for prescription drugs and health care be accompanied by an offset. Depending on the economy, delay all tax cut proposals until later this year or this time next year when we learn whether it’s a

soft landing or a hard landing. Then we can act responsibly.

DIRECTING DISCHARGE OF S.J. RES. 6

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged of further consideration of S.J. Res. 6, a resolution on providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to ergonomics, and, further, that the resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Don Nickles, Jon Kyl, Phil Gramm, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Larry E. Craig, Chuck Grassley, Craig Thomas, Bill Frist, Michael B. Enzi, Judd Gregg, Jeff Sessions, Orrin G. Hatch, Pete V. Domenici, Mitch McConnell, Pat Roberts, Fred Thompson.

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Christopher S. Bond, John E. Ensign, Conrad Burns, Ted Stevens, George Allen, Olympia J. Snowe, Mike Crapo, Pete Fitzgerald, R.F. Bennett, Jim Jeffords, Tim Hutchinson, Wayne Allard, Jesse Helms, Trent Lott, Rick Santorum, Jim Inhofe, John Warner, Frank H. Murkowski.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Luis Rivera, of the Finance Committee staff, be accorded floor privileges for the duration of the debate on the bankruptcy bill.

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

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2001

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6. I further ask consent that on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day.

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

Mr. FRIST. Further, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess from the hours of 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly policy conferences to meet.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. For the information of all Senators, the majority leader will be recognized at 10 a.m. to begin consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 6, the ergonomics disapproval resolution. Under the Congressional Review Act, there will be up to 10 hours of debate, with a vote on disapproval of the ergonomics rules to occur at the use or yielding back of that time. The Senate may also resume consideration of the bankruptcy bill. Therefore, Senators can expect votes during tomorrow’s session.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:39 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at 10 a.m.