

despite the fact that security forces are being targeted. They do so because they believe in the vision of a free and democratic Iraq.

I am confident that the Iraqi people will demonstrate this same fortitude in the referendum next Saturday.

And for those who vote against the constitution, they will have the chance to express themselves again in December when the Iraqis go to the polls to elect a permanent government.

In the meantime, the Iraqis also must undertake another momentous task.

On October 19, the Iraqi Special Tribunal will begin the trial of Saddam Hussein and some of his closest associates. The opening portion of the trial will focus on the 1982 killings of 143 Shiites in the village north of Baghdad. Saddam will also face charges of human rights abuses, crimes against humanity, and genocide.

In particular, Saddam Hussein will be required to finally answer for his use of chemical weapons against the civilian Kurdish population of Hallabja in 1988, and the violent suppression of mass uprisings following the Gulf War in 1991.

It will be a riveting sight to see the justice system in the hands of the Iraqi people. And to watch as they face down the man and his minions responsible for so many hideous and barbaric crimes.

I am confident that the Iraqi people will give their former oppressors a fair trial and that the guilty will be brought to justice.

Step by step, the Iraqi people are on the path to democracy. And with each step, the terrorists are dealt a devastating blow, and freedom shows once again its power to inspire and prevail.

The Senate stands shoulder-to-shoulder with the Iraqi people as they fulfill their democratic destiny. They deserve our deepest and most sincere support.

I look forward to watching with hope and admiration as they take to the polling booths once again to secure their future as a free and prosperous nation in the heart of the Middle East.

#### RETIREMENT OF TIM WINEMAN

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I would like to take a few minutes today to recognize Tim Wineman for his dedicated and invaluable service to the United States Senate as he prepares to go into retirement.

Tim has served the Senate with great distinction. During his 35 years here, he has worked in various positions within the Senate disbursing office. Tim began as a payroll clerk in 1970 and because of his hard work won numerous promotions. He works today as a financial clerk, one of the best the Secretary's office has been privileged to have. Tim is one of those individuals who come here to serve in the Secretary's office not to debate policy or make political statements, but out of a respect and love for the institution,

serving each and every Member with the utmost professionalism.

Our Senate community is privileged to have individuals with the talent and dedication that Tim Wineman has shown. He is the soul of discretion, always available to answer a question and provide wise counsel, and he loves the Senate with all his heart. This is no surprise, since Tim has been familiar with our Nation's capital and the work of the people that goes on here from his earliest days.

Tim was born and raised in this area. His father worked for DC Transit and his mother, Carolyn, worked for Sears and Roebuck. Tim attended Bethesda Chevy Chase High School, where he met his life-long partner and friend, his wife, Pat. They just celebrated their 36th anniversary in August. They are blessed with two children, Matthew and Lory.

Now that Tim is retiring from the Senate, the inevitable question arises: what will he do with his spare time? I have it on good authority that Tim is planning to get straight down to business. He mentioned that he plans to work on his golf game and spend time traveling with Pat. I have heard that Alaska is one of the top destinations on their list of places to visit. The first 6 months, however, he just wants to spend stress free.

In the Senate, we get so involved in the issues of the day, and as Members our days are long and busy. We often forget to pause for a moment and thank those who keep the trains running on time, and for 35 years Tim Wineman has been one of those loyal conductors.

We thank Timothy S. Wineman for his service, and we wish Tim and his wife, Pat, a happy and content retirement.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to speak on behalf of Timothy Wineman, who is retiring after 35 years of dedicated service to the Senate.

There are thousands of employees who work behind the scenes here in the Senate, who make it possible for the Members of this body to discharge the duties of their office. It is rare that these employees get the recognition they deserve.

One of the greatest and longest serving of those unsung heroes has been Tim Wineman, with whom I have had the honor of sharing these halls for the last 25 years. Over that period of time, both my wife Jackie and I have come to rely on his experience and counsel. We are both sad to see him go, but we know as well as anyone that he has certainly earned his retirement.

Tim was hired as a payroll clerk in the disbursing office on October 19, 1970, while my father still served in this Chamber. Six years later, Tim was promoted to payroll supervisor. Four years after that, he became the assistant financial clerk. And, in 1998, he was appointed the Financial Clerk of the United States Senate.

He has fulfilled his duties in all of those roles with efficiency, integrity,

and vision. When Tim began over 30 years ago, the Senate's financial services were still performed manually and recorded in pen and ink, without the aid of computers. Over the last three decades, through various leadership positions, Tim has overseen the technological renovation of the Disbursing Office, as it almost flawlessly shifted to cover a marked increase in staff and services.

The Senate Disbursing Office handles not only the payroll of Senators and staff, but also their retirement funds and life and health insurance. The workload is tremendous. Last year, the Disbursing Office also approved nearly 50,000 expense reimbursement vouchers, administered the oath to over 3,200 new Senate employees, and provided 36 training sessions to new office managers, among countless other responsibilities requiring attentiveness and precision.

Under Tim's leadership, these tasks have been carried out with the utmost professionalism. He has adeptly kept the Senate's financial house in order.

I thank Tim for his years of dedicated service to the Senate. He will be sorely missed. I also want to extend to him and Pat, his wife for as long as he has served the Senate, my best wishes as they begin this new phase in their lives.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the attached letters from various foreign officials be printed in the RECORD. They have all sent their condolences for the Hurricane Katrina tragedy.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

THE SENATE OF CANADA,  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE,  
Ottawa, Canada, September 2, 2005.

Senator TED STEVENS,  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

SENATOR STEVENS: On behalf of The Senate of Canada, I join all Canadians in expressing to you, your Senate colleagues, and fellow citizens our sympathy and condolences on your country's great loss.

As we learn more about the wide-spread devastation arising from Hurricane Katrina, it becomes increasingly difficult to fully comprehend the extent of the tragedy. Even so, we extend our thoughts and prayers to all the victims, their families and others hit by this terrible disaster. The numerous telephone calls I have been receiving from Canadians, urging us to be of whatever assistance we can to our American friends, shows how much this tragedy has touched Canadians personally. I assure you we will be supportive in every way we can, and are determined to work together to help both immediately and over the long term.

I wish you great strength both now and in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

DAN HAYS.

EMBASSY OF HUNGARY, SPEAKER OF  
THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,

*Budapest, September 5, 2005.*

Hon. TED STEVENS,  
*President pro tempore of the Senate, Washington, DC.*

EXCELLENCY: I was shocked to hear the news about the disaster caused by the hurricane Katrina. We are very well aware of the situation in which hundreds of thousands of people are in New Orleans. The human tribulation in such a huge mass makes us wordless and silent, and awake deep sorrow. The Hungarian public has been turning in these days with deep sympathy to the people in New Orleans.

From my part, Your Excellency, please accept my deepest sympathy in your bereavement. On behalf of the National Assembly of Hungary I would also like to offer my condolences to the relatives and families of the victims. In the meantime I would like to let you know that you can count on our support, the Hungarian team of rescue is already on the venue to give aid and assistance to the people in need, and to fight shoulder to shoulder with your authorities.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

DR. KATALIN SZILI.

PRIME MINISTER,

*Jerusalem, Israel, September 1, 2005.*

MR. GEORGE W. BUSH,  
*President, The United States of America, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: On behalf of my Government and the people of Israel, I wish to express my sincerest condolences on the horrible tragedy that has befallen the United States, especially the people of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

I would like to offer Israel's assistance in volunteering our medical teams which include hundreds of doctors, nurses, technicians and other experts that specialize in trauma, natural disasters and public health. We also offer field hospitals, medical kits and equipment for temporary housing, re-enforcement for hospitals, or any other assistance that you may require. I was informed by my security establishment that these teams and equipment can be ready in 24 hours.

During these difficult times, we, the people of Israel, stand firmly by your side in a show of solidarity and friendship.

Sincerely,

ARIEL SHARON.

AUGUST 30, 2005.

Hon. Secretary CONDOLEEZZA RICE,  
*Secretary of State, Department of State, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SECRETARY RICE: Please allow me to express my condolences to you and to the people of the United States of America, on the loss of life and the terrible pain and destruction caused by Hurricane Katerina.

May the families of the victims find peace and comfort.

As we all stand in awe at the great force of nature unleashed on the shores of the United States, please rest assured that the people of Israel share your sorrow and extend our hand in comfort and friendship. We also stand ready to assist in any way possible.

Yours sincerely,

SILVAN SHALOM.

A PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE  
KATRINA

(By Chief Israeli Rabbi, Yona Metzger)

"Our Heavenly Father, Founder of the world and Creator of the universe, compassionate and merciful God, please spare and show compassion to Your creatures and the world You have created, and especially the inhabitants of the states among the Gulf of Mexico in the United States. Save them from every calamity, from the winds of storm and hurricane, from the waters of the sea, and from every sorrow and evil, and send deliverance and redemption to all those who call upon Thy Name. Save them from the floodwaters and rescue them from the abyss, lead them to a place of safety, and do not abandon them, and in Your abundant mercy send them redemption in the measure of their loss, and complete healing to the sick and those in pain, and comfort to their souls and spirit. May all the inhabitants of the Earth know and recognize that You are the Supreme King, who rules the powers of the universe and shows mercy to His creatures, who praise Your great Name, amen."

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION,

*Geneva, Switzerland.*

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

Hon. TED STEVENS,  
*Senate President Pro Tempore, U.S. Congress, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: In the wake of Hurricane Katrina which has lashed the gulf states of the United States, leaving a trail of destruction and causing the loss of so many lives, we wish to express to the United States Congress and the people of the United States of America the solidarity and heartfelt sympathy of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Our deepest condolences go to the relatives of those who have lost their lives in one of the most devastating storms in your country's history.

High Consideration,

SERGIO PAEZ VERDUGO,  
*President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union*

ANDERS B. JOHNSON,  
*Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.*

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,

*State of Kuwait.*

Hon. TED STEVENS (pro tempore),  
*Speaker of the Senate, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: We have been devastated by the news of the natural disaster (Hurricane Katrina) which hit a number of states in the Mexican Gulf south of the U.S.A and resulted in the death of several innocent people and the loss of others, in addition to the destruction of properties.

On behalf of my colleagues members of the National Assembly of Kuwait and myself, I would like to express my deepest condolences to your Excellency and the friendly people of the U.S.A. and the families of the victims.

I wish your country peace, stability, security, and prosperity.

Please accept the assurances of my highest considerations.

Best regards,

JASSIM MOHAMMAD AL-KHARAFI.

BUDGET SCOREKEEPING REPORT

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I hereby submit to the Senate the budget scorekeeping report prepared by the Congressional Budget Office under section 308(b) and in aid of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended. This report meets the requirements for Senate scorekeeping of section 5 of S. Con. Res. 32, the first concurrent resolution on the budget for 1986.

This report shows the effects of congressional action on the 2005 budget through September 30, 2005. The estimates of budget authority, outlays, and revenues are consistent with the technical and economic assumptions of the 2006 concurrent resolution on the budget, H. Con. Res. 95.

The estimates show that current level spending is over the budget resolution by \$3.145 billion in budget authority and over the budget resolution by \$101 million in outlays in 2005. Current level for revenues is \$447 million above the budget resolution in 2005.

Since my last report for fiscal year 2005 dated September 29, 2005, the Congress has taken no action that has changed budget authority, outlays, or revenues. This is my final report for fiscal year 2005.

I ask unanimous consent that the accompanying letter and material be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
*Washington, DC, October 6, 2005.*

Hon. JUDD GREGG,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Budget, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SENATOR GREGG: The enclosed tables show the effects of Congressional action on the 2005 budget and are current through September 30, 2005. This report is submitted under section 308(b) and in aid of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, as amended.

The estimates of budget authority, outlays, and revenues are consistent with the technical and economic assumptions for fiscal year 2005 that underlie H. Con. Res. 95, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Pursuant to section 402 of that resolution, provisions designated as emergency requirements are exempt from enforcement of the budget resolution. As a result, the enclosed current level report excludes these amounts (see footnote 2 on Table 2).

Since my last letter, dated September 26, 2005, the Congress has taken no action that has changed budget authority, outlays, or revenues. This is my final report for fiscal year 2005.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS HOLTZ-EAKIN.