

EMBASSY OF HUNGARY, SPEAKER OF
THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,
BUDAPEST,

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.

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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.

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AUGUST 30, 2005.

Hon. Secretary CONDOLEZZZA 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-Parliamen-
tary 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.

TABLE 1.—SENATE CURRENT-LEVEL REPORT FOR SPENDING AND REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2005
[In billions of dollars]

| | Budget resolution ¹ | Current level ² | Current level over/under (—) resolution |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| On-budget: | | | |
| Budget Authority | 1,996.6 | 1,999.7 | 3.1 |
| Outlays | 2,023.9 | 2,024.0 | 0.1 |
| Revenues | 1,483.7 | 1,484.1 | 0.4 |
| Off-budget: | | | |
| Social Security Outlays | 398.1 | 398.1 | 0 |
| Social Security Revenues | 573.5 | 573.5 | 0 |

Note: * = less than \$50 million.

¹H. Con. Res. 95, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006, assumed the enactment of emergency supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2005, in the amount of \$81.8 billion in budget authority and \$32.1 billion in outlays, which would be exempt from the enforcement of the budget resolution. Since current level excludes the emergency appropriations in P.L. 109–13 (see footnote 2 of Table 2), the budget authority and outlay totals specified in the budget resolution have also been reduced (by the amounts assumed for emergency supplemental appropriations) for purposes of comparison.

²Current level is the estimated effect on revenue and spending of all legislation that the Congress has enacted or sent to the President for his approval. In addition, full-year funding estimates under current law are included for entitlement and mandatory programs requiring annual appropriations even if the appropriations have not been made.

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

TABLE 2.—SUPPORTING DETAIL FOR THE SENATE CURRENT-LEVEL REPORT FOR ON-BUDGET SPENDING AND REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2005
[In millions of dollars]

| | Budget authority | Outlays | Revenues |
|--|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Enacted in Previous Sessions: ¹ | | | |
| Revenues | n.a. | n.a. | 1,484,024 |
| Permanents and other spending legislation | 1,109,476 | 1,070,500 | n.a. |
| Appropriation legislation | 1,298,963 | 1,369,221 | n.a. |
| Offsetting receipts | –415,912 | –415,912 | n.a. |
| Total, enacted in previous sessions | 1,992,527 | 2,023,809 | 1,484,024 |
| Enacted This Session: | | | |
| Authorizing Legislation: | | | |
| Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2005 (P.L. 109–14) | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| TANF Extension Act of 2005 (P.L. 109–19) | 81 | 45 | 0 |
| Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2005, Part II (P.L. 109–20) | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2005, Part III (P.L. 109–35) | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2005, Part IV (P.L. 109–37) | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2005, Part V (P.L. 109–40) | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109–58) | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (P.L. 109–59) | 1,562 | 8 | 0 |
| TANF Emergency Response and Recovery Act of 2005 (P.L. 109–68) | 5,067 | 0 | 0 |
| Appropriation Acts: | | | |
| Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (P.L. 109–13) ² | –1,058 | 4 | 41 |
| Interior Appropriations Act, 2006 (P.L. 109–54) | 1,500 | 120 | 0 |
| Total, enacted this session | 7,193 | 177 | 81 |
| Total Current Level ^{2,3} | 1,999,720 | 2,023,986 | 1,484,105 |
| Total Budget Resolution | 2,078,456 | 2,056,006 | 1,483,658 |
| Adjustment to budget resolution for emergency requirements ⁴ | –81,881 | –32,121 | n.a. |
| Adjusted Budget Resolution | 1,996,575 | 2,023,885 | 1,483,658 |
| Current Level Over Adjusted Budget Resolution | 3,145 | 101 | 447 |
| Current Level Under Adjusted Budget Resolution | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |

Notes: n.a. = not applicable; P.L. = Public Law.

¹The effects of an act to provide for the proper tax treatment of certain disaster mitigation payments (P.L. 109–7) and the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (P.L. 109–8) are included in this section of the table, consistent with the budget resolution assumptions.

²Pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006, provisions designated as emergency requirements are exempt from enforcement of the budget resolution. As a result, the current level excludes: \$83,140 million in budget authority and \$33,034 million in outlays from the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (P.L. 109–13); \$10,500 million in budget authority and \$1,150 million in outlays from the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act to Meet Immediate Needs Arising From the Consequences of Hurricane Katrina, 2005 (P.L. 109–61); \$51,800 million in budget authority and \$125 million in outlays from the Second Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act to Meet Immediate Needs Arising From the Consequences of Hurricane Katrina, 2005 (P.L. 109–62); and \$94 million in budget authority from the TANF Emergency Response and Recovery Act of 2005 (P.L. 109–68).

³Excludes administrative expenses of the Social Security Administration, which are off-budget.

⁴H. Con. Res. 95, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006, assumed the enactment of emergency supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2005, in the amount of \$81,811 million in budget authority and \$32,121 million in outlays, which would be exempt from the enforcement of the budget resolution. Since current level excludes the emergency appropriations in P.L. 109–13 (see footnote 2), the budget authority and outlay totals specified in the budget resolution have also been reduced (by the amounts assumed for emergency supplemental appropriations) for purposes of comparison.

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to 23 young Americans who have been killed in Iraq since July 29. This brings to 457 the number of soldiers who were either from California or based in California that have been killed while serving our country in Iraq. This represents 24 percent of all U.S. deaths in Iraq.

SGT Milton M. Monzon, Jr., age 21, died on July 24 in Baghdad where an improvised explosive device detonated near his Bradley fighting vehicle. He was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, CO. He was from Los Angeles, CA.

PFC Ramon A. Villatoro, Jr., age 19 died on July 24 in Baghdad where an improvised explosive device detonated near his Bradley fighting vehicle. He was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, CO. He was from Bakersfield, CA.

PVT Ernesto R. Guerra, age 20, died on July 29 in Baghdad of injuries sus-

tained on July 28 when his humvee was involved in an accident. He was assigned to the Army's 4-3rd Brigade Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, GA. He was from Long Beach, CA.

Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas C. Hull, age 41, died August 2 on board the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz in the Arabian Gulf after being medically evacuated to the carrier for a noncombat related incident. He was an operations specialist assigned to the USS Prince-ton, homeported in San Diego, CA.

LCpl Adam J. Strain, age 20, died August 2 as a result of enemy small-arms fire while conducting combat operations in Ar Ramadi. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, his unit was attached to the 2nd Marine Division. He was from Smartsville, CA.

SSG Ramon E. Gonzales Cordova, age 30, died August 8 as a result of enemy small-arms fire while conducting com-

bat operations in Ar Ramadi. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, his unit was attached to the 2nd Marine Division.

LCpl Evenor C. Herrera, age 22, died August 10 from wounds received from the detonation of an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations near Ar Ramadi. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. As part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, his unit was attached to the 2nd Marine Division.

SPC Brian K. Derks, age 21, died on August 13 in Baghdad when an improvised explosive device detonated while he was on mounted patrol. He was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Irwin, CA.

SGT Nathan K. Bouchard, age 24, died on August 18 in Samarra, Iraq when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee following a