

2003 World Alpine Ski Championships, two Olympic silver medals, and six U.S. National Championships gold medals; and

Whereas Bode Miller's 2004–2005 championship season helped the entire U.S. Ski Team complete its most successful season ever by finishing second in the final 2005 Nations Cup standings; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),* That the Congress—

(1) congratulates Bode Miller for winning the 2004–2005 World Cup overall title in Alpine skiing and establishing himself as the top alpine skier in the world; and

(2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to make available an enrolled copy of this resolution to Bode Miller.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 225. Mr. TALENT (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

SA 226. Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BAUCUS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 227. Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 228. Mr. BUNNING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 229. Mr. GREGG (for Mr. FRIST) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 230. Mr. COLEMAN proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 231. Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SARBANES, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 232. Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 233. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 234. Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, and Ms. STABENOW) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 235. Mr. COLEMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 236. Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 237. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 238. Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. KERRY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 239. Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. REED, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. AKAKA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 240. Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 241. Mr. BUNNING proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 242. Mr. SMITH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 243. Mr. CONRAD proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 244. Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN)) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 245. Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 246. Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 247. Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KERRY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 248. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 249. Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 250. Mr. CORZINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 251. Mr. CORZINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 252. Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 253. Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TALENT, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. DEWINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 254. Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. DOMENICI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 255. Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 256. Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REED, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 257. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 258. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 259. Mrs. BOXER proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 260. Mr. SMITH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 261. Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REED, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. KENNEDY) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 262. Mr. GREGG (for Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. Gregg to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 263. Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. ENZI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 264. Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 43, designating the first day of April 2005 as "National Asbestos Awareness Day".

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 225.** Mr. TALENT (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 39, lines 8 and 9 strike "net new user-fee receipts related to the purposes of" and insert "receipts to".

**SA 226.** Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BAUCUS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 18, line 16, increase the amount by \$100,000,000.

On page 18, line 17, increase the amount by \$100,000,000.

On page 24, line 16, decrease the amount by \$100,000,000.

On page 24, line 17, decrease the amount by \$100,000,000.

**SA 227.** Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 56, after line 13 insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **POINT OF ORDER REQUIRING BUDGETING FOR EMERGENCY SPENDING.**

(a) **POINT OF ORDER.**—It shall not be in order in the Senate to consider a concurrent resolution on the budget that does not include—

(1) a major functional category entitled “Emergencies”;

(2) in the major functional category entitled “Emergencies”, budget authority for each year covered by that resolution that is equal to the average annual amounts of budget authority appropriated for declared emergencies in the past 10 completed fiscal years and outlays for each year covered by that resolution equal to the outlays expended for declared emergencies in the past 10 completed fiscal years; and

(3) a provision that the budget authority and outlays included in the major functional category entitled “Emergencies” shall not be included in the amounts allocated to the committees on appropriations pursuant to section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, but shall be included in the appropriate recommended levels and amounts in that resolution.

(b) **SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.**—This section may be waived or suspended in the Senate only by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and sworn. An affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required in the Senate to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under this section.

**SA 228.** Mr. BUNNING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to be concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 9, decrease the amount by \$0.

On page 3, line 10, decrease the amount by \$4,800,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, decrease the amount by \$12,500,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, decrease the amount by \$14,000,000,000.

On page 3, line 13, decrease the amount by \$15,600,000,000.

On page 3, line 14, decrease the amount by \$17,000,000,000.

On page 3, line 18, decrease the amount by \$0.

On page 3, line 19, decrease the amount by \$4,800,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, decrease the amount by \$12,500,000,000.

On page 3, line 21, decrease the amount by \$14,000,000,000.

On page 4, line 1, decrease the amount by \$15,600,000,000.

On page 4, line 2, decrease the amount by \$17,000,000,000.

On page 4, line 23, decrease the amount by \$0.

On page 4, line 24, decrease the amount by \$4,800,000,000.

On page 4, line 25, decrease the amount by \$12,500,000,000.

On page 5, line 1, decrease the amount by \$14,000,000,000.

On page 5, line 2, decrease the amount by \$15,600,000,000.

On page 5, line 3, decrease the amount by \$17,000,000,000.

On page 5, line 6, increase the amount by \$0.

On page 5, line 7, increase the amount by \$4,800,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, increase the amount by \$17,300,000,000.

On page 5, line 9, increase the amount by \$31,300,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, increase the amount by \$46,900,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, increase the amount by \$70,923,000,000.

On page 5, line 14, increase the amount by \$0.

On page 5, line 15, increase the amount by \$4,800,000,000.

On page 5, line 16, increase the amount by \$17,300,000,000.

On page 5, line 17, increase the amount by \$31,300,000,000.

On page 5, line 18, increase the amount by \$46,900,000,000.

On page 5, line 19, increase the amount by \$70,923,000,000.

On page 30, line 16, increase the amount by \$4,800,000,000.

On page 30, line 17, increase the amount by \$63,900,000,000.

**SA 229.** Mr. GREGG (for Mr. FRIST) submitted an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

Beginning on page 58, strike line 11 and all that follows through page 61, line 24, and insert the following:

**SEC. 504. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING MEDICAID RECONCILIATION LEGISLATION CONSISTENT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) The Medicaid program provides essential health care and long-term care services to more than 50,000,000 low-income children, pregnant women, parents, individuals with disabilities, and senior citizens. It is a Federal guarantee that ensures the most vulnerable will have access to needed medical services.

(2) The Medicaid program will spend \$189,000,000,000 in fiscal year 2006.

(3) During the period from fiscal year 2006 through fiscal year 2010, the Medicaid program will spend \$1,100,000,000,000.

(4) Over the same period, spending for the Medicaid program will increase by 40 percent.

(5) Medicaid provides critical access to long-term care and other services for the elderly and individuals living with disabilities, and is the single largest provider of long-term care services. Medicaid also pays for

personal care and other supportive services that are typically not provided by private health insurance or Medicare, but are necessary to enable individuals with spinal cord injuries, developmental disabilities, neurological degenerative diseases, serious and persistent mental illnesses, HIV/AIDS, and other chronic conditions to remain in the community, to work, and to maintain independence.

(6) Medicaid supplements the Medicare program for more than 6,000,000 low-income elderly or disabled Medicare beneficiaries, assisting them with their Medicare premiums and co-insurance, wrap-around benefits, and the costs of nursing home care that Medicare does not cover. The Medicaid program spent nearly \$40,000,000,000 on uncovered Medicare services in 2002.

(7) This resolution assumes \$163,000,000 in spending to extend Medicare cost-sharing under the Medicaid program for the Medicare part B premium for qualifying individuals through 2006.

(8) Medicaid provides health insurance for more than 1/4 of America's children and is the largest purchaser of maternity care, paying for more than 1/3 of all the births in the United States each year. Medicaid also provides critical access to care for children with disabilities, covering more than 70 percent of poor children with disabilities.

(9) More than 16,000,000 women depend on Medicaid for their health care. Women comprise the majority of seniors (71 percent) on Medicaid. Half of nonelderly women with permanent mental or physical disabilities have health coverage through Medicaid. Medicaid provides treatment for low-income women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer in every State.

(10) Medicaid is the Nation's largest source of payment for mental health services, HIV/AIDS care, and care for children with special needs. Much of this care is either not covered by private insurance or limited in scope or duration. Medicaid is also a critical source of funding for health care for children in foster care and for health services in schools.

(11) Medicaid funds help ensure access to care for all Americans. Medicaid is the single largest source of revenue for the Nation's safety net hospitals, health centers, and nursing homes, and is critical to the ability of these providers to adequately serve all Americans.

(12) Medicaid serves a major role in ensuring that the number of Americans without health insurance, approximately 45,000,000 in 2003, is not substantially higher. The system of Federal matching for State Medicaid expenditures ensures that Federal funds will grow as State spending increases in response to unmet needs, enabling Medicaid to help buffer the drop in private coverage during recessions. More than 4,800,000 Americans lost employer-sponsored coverage between 2000 and 2003, during which time Medicaid enrolled an additional 8,400,000 Americans.

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

(1) The Committee on Finance shall not report a reconciliation bill that achieves spending reductions that would—

(A) undermine the role the Medicaid program plays as a critical component of the health care system of the United States;

(B) cap Federal Medicaid spending, or otherwise shift Medicaid cost burdens to State or local governments and their taxpayers and health providers, forcing a reduction in access to essential health services for low-income elderly individuals, individuals with disabilities, and children and families; or

(C) undermine the Federal guarantee of health insurance coverage Medicaid provides, which would threaten not only the

health care safety net of the United States, but the entire health care system;

(2) the Secretary of Health and Human Services, working with bipartisan, geographically diverse members of the National Governors Association and in consultation with key stakeholders, shall make recommendations for changes to the Medicaid program that reflect the principles specified in paragraph (3); and

(3) the Committee on Finance, consistent with such recommendations, shall report a reconciliation bill that—

(A) allows any Medicaid savings to be shared by the Federal and State governments;

(B) would emphasize State flexibility through voluntary options for States; and

(C) would not cause Medicaid recipients to lose coverage.

**SA 230.** Mr. COLEMAN proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 16, line 15, increase the amount by \$1,454,000,000.

On page 16, line 16, increase the amount by \$29,080,000.

On page 16, line 20, increase the amount by \$465,280,000.

On page 16, line 24, increase the amount by \$610,680,000.

On page 17, line 3, increase the amount by \$203,560,000.

On page 17, line 7, increase the amount by \$72,700,000.

On page 17, line 16, increase the amount by \$619,000,000.

On page 17, line 17, increase the amount by \$359,020,000.

On page 17, line 21, increase the amount by \$241,410,000.

On page 17, line 25, increase the amount by \$12,380,000.

On page 18, line 4, increase the amount by \$6,190,000.

On page 26, line 14, decrease the amount by \$2,073,000,000.

On page 26, line 15, decrease the amount by \$388,100,000.

On page 26, line 18, decrease the amount by \$706,690,000.

On page 26, line 21, decrease the amount by \$623,060,000.

On page 26, line 24, decrease the amount by \$209,750,000.

On page 27, line 2, decrease the amount by \$72,700,000.

**SA 231.** Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SARBANE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. INOUYE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$39,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$526,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$139,000,000.

On page 3, line 13, increase the amount by \$70,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$39,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$526,000,000.

On page 3, line 21, increase the amount by \$139,000,000.

On page 4, line 1, increase the amount by \$70,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$774,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$39,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$526,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$139,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$70,000,000.

On page 17, line 16, increase the amount by \$774,000,000.

On page 17, line 17, increase the amount by \$39,000,000.

On page 17, line 21, increase the amount by \$526,000,000.

On page 17, line 25, increase the amount by \$139,000,000.

On page 18, line 4, increase the amount by \$70,000,000.

On page 30, line 16, decrease the amount by \$39,000,000.

On page 30, line 17, decrease the amount by \$774,000,000.

On page 48, line 6, increase the amount by \$774,000,000.

On page 48, line 7, increase the amount by \$39,000,000.

**SA 232.** Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 303 and insert the following:

**SEC. 303. RESERVE FUND FOR HEALTHCARE COVERAGE FOR THE UNINSURED.**

If the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions or the Committee on Finance of the Senate reports a bill or joint resolution, or an amendment thereto, is offered or a conference report thereon is submitted, that expands group healthcare coverage for uninsured individuals in a manner that—

(1) moves toward the goal of providing high quality healthcare coverage for every American, so that every American will have healthcare coverage at least as good as the coverage enjoyed by Members of Congress;

(2) reduces healthcare costs for working families and employers;

(3) significantly increases the number of people with high quality healthcare coverage;

(4) builds on the proven success of existing programs, such as the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Medicaid program, and the Medicare program; and

(5) is offset by increased revenues of not less than \$60,000,000,000 derived from closing corporate tax loopholes and closing the tax gap;

the chairman of the Committee on the Budget shall revise committee allocations for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

Pensions or the Committee on Finance and other appropriate budgetary aggregates and allocations of new budget authority and outlays by the amount provided by that measure for that purpose, but not to exceed \$60,000,000,000 in new budget authority and \$60,000,000,000 in outlays for the 5-fiscal year period beginning with fiscal year 2006, regardless of whether the committee is within its 302(a) allocations.

**SA 233.** Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$22,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$532,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$148,000,000.

On page 3, line 13, increase the amount by \$38,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$22,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$532,000,000.

On page 3, line 21, increase the amount by \$148,000,000.

On page 4, line 1, increase the amount by \$38,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$370,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$11,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$266,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$74,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$19,000,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$11,000,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$266,000,000.

On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$74,000,000.

On page 5, line 2, increase the amount by \$19,000,000.

On page 5, line 7, decrease the amount by \$11,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, decrease the amount by \$277,000,000.

On page 5, line 9, decrease the amount by \$351,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, decrease the amount by \$370,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, decrease the amount by \$370,000,000.

On page 5, line 15, decrease the amount by \$11,000,000.

On page 5, line 16, decrease the amount by \$277,000,000.

On page 5, line 17, decrease the amount by \$351,000,000.

On page 5, line 18, decrease the amount by \$370,000,000.

On page 5, line 19, decrease the amount by \$370,000,000.

On page 17, line 16, increase the amount by \$370,000,000.

On page 17, line 17, increase the amount by \$11,000,000.

On page 17, line 21, increase the amount by \$266,000,000.

On page 17, line 25, increase the amount by \$74,000,000.

On page 18, line 4, increase the amount by \$19,000,000.

On page 30, line 16, decrease the amount by \$22,000,000.

On page 30, line 17, decrease the amount by \$740,000,000.  
 On page 48, line 6, increase the amount by \$370,000,000.  
 On page 48, line 7, increase the amount by \$11,000,000.

**SA 234.** Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, and Ms. STABENOW) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 28, strike lines 14 through 20.

**SA 235.** Mr. COLEMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

It is the sense of the Senate that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and related programs, including Community Services Block Grant Program, Brownfield Redevelopment, Empowerment Zones, Rural Community Advancement Program, EDA, Native American CDBG, Native Hawaiian CDBG, and Rural Housing and Economic Development by fully funded.

**SA 236.** Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title IV, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. POINT OF ORDER REQUIRING THAT THE AMT BE DEALT WITH BEFORE OTHER TAX CUTS FOR THE WEALTHY.**

(a) **POINT OF ORDER IN THE SENATE.**—It shall not be in order in the Senate to consider a bill, amendment, motion, joint resolution, or conference report that would cut taxes for taxpayers with annual adjusted gross incomes of greater than \$285,000 unless that measure or a previously enacted measure permanently reduces the number of taxpayers and families with annual adjusted gross incomes of less than \$150,000 that will be subject to the alternative minimum tax over the next decade.

(b) **SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.**—This section may be waived or suspended in the Senate only by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and sworn. An affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required in the Senate to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under this section.

**SA 237.** Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S.

Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 3 line 10, increase the amount by \$11,000,000.  
 On page 3 line 11, increase the amount by \$15,000,000.  
 On page 3 line 12, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.  
 On page 3 line 13, increase the amount by \$8,000,000.  
 On page 3 line 14, increase the amount by \$6,000,000.  
 On page 3 line 19, increase the amount by \$11,000,000.  
 On page 3 line 20, increase the amount by \$15,000,000.  
 On page 3 line 21, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.  
 On page 4 line 1, increase the amount by \$8,000,000.  
 On page 4 line 2, increase the amount by \$6,000,000.  
 On page 4 line 7, increase the amount by \$25,000,000.  
 On page 4 line 16, increase the amount by \$6,000,000.  
 On page 4 line 17, increase the amount by \$8,000,000.  
 On page 4 line 18, increase the amount by \$5,000,000.  
 On page 4 line 19, increase the amount by \$4,000,000.  
 On page 4 line 20, increase the amount by \$3,000,000.  
 On page 4 line 24, increase the amount by \$6,000,000.  
 On page 4 line 25, increase the amount by \$8,000,000.  
 On page 5 line 1, increase the amount by \$5,000,000.  
 On page 5 line 2, increase the amount by \$4,000,000.  
 On page 5 line 3, increase the amount by \$3,000,000.  
 On page 5 line 7, decrease the amount by \$5,000,000.  
 On page 5 line 8, decrease the amount by \$12,000,000.  
 On page 5 line 9, decrease the amount by \$17,000,000.  
 On page 5 line 10, decrease the amount by \$21,000,000.  
 On page 5 line 11, decrease the amount by \$24,000,000.  
 On page 5 line 15, decrease the amount by \$5,000,000.  
 On page 5 line 16, decrease the amount by \$12,000,000.  
 On page 5 line 17, decrease the amount by \$17,000,000.  
 On page 5 line 18, decrease the amount by \$21,000,000.  
 On page 5 line 19, decrease the amount by \$24,000,000.  
 On page 23 line 16, increase the amount by \$25,000,000.  
 On page 23 line 17, increase the amount by \$6,000,000.  
 On page 23 line 21, increase the amount by \$8,000,000.  
 On page 23 line 25, increase the amount by \$5,000,000.  
 On page 24 line 4, increase the amount by \$4,000,000.  
 On page 24 line 8, increase the amount by \$3,000,000.  
 On page 30 line 16, decrease the amount by \$11,000,000.  
 On page 30 line 17, decrease the amount by \$50,000,000.  
 On page 48 line 6, increase the amount by \$25,000,000.  
 On page 48 line 7, increase the amount by \$6,000,000.

**SEC. . FINDINGS.**

**FINDING.**—The Congress finds that—

(1) the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, chartered by an Act of Congress on December 10, 1991 [Pub. L. 102-199], during its 99-year history as a national organization, has proven itself as a positive force in the communities it serves;

(2) not only are the Boys and Girls Clubs reaching America's most distressed communities, they are also bringing to those youths opportunities they cannot get elsewhere.

(3) the Boys and Girls Clubs of America is a national leader in providing opportunities for personal growth and development, which help children to become productive, law-abiding teenagers and contributing adults;

(4) there are 3,500 Boys and Girls Clubs facilities throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands, as well as American youths living on United States military bases around the world, serving more than 4,000,000 youths nationwide;

(5) the Boys and Girls Clubs of America are growing at a rate of 1 new club every business day and have been doing so for the last 8 years;

(6) the Boys and Girls Clubs have endeavored to increase their presence in rural states and isolated areas where youths, often facing the unique challenges of poverty and geography, have few options after the school day ends, and have enabled those youths to participate in educational, safe and enriching activities;

(7) 71 percent of the young people who benefit from Boys and Girls Clubs programs live in our inner cities and urban areas;

(8) Boys and Girls Clubs are locally run and have been exceptionally successful in balancing public funds with private sector donations and maximizing community involvement;

(9) Boys and Girls Clubs are located in 450 public housing sites across the Nation;

(10) there will exist by 2006 there approximately 200 Clubs located on Native American Lands;

(11) public housing projects in which there is an active Boys and Girls Club have experienced a 25 percent reduction in the presence of crack cocaine, a 22 percent reduction in overall drug activity, and a 13 percent reduction in juvenile crime;

(12) these results have been achieved in the face of national trends in which more than 7.5 million individuals aged 12 to 17 have reported having used an illicit drug at least once in their lifetime;

(13) these results have been achieved in the face of national trends in which students in grades nine through twelve have indicated that 40.2 percent had used marijuana, 12.1 percent had used inhalants, 11.1 percent had used ecstasy, 8.7 percent had used cocaine, 7.6 percent had used methamphetamine, 6.1 percent had illegally used steroids, 3.3 percent had used heroin, and 3.2 percent had injected an illegal drug one or more times during their lifetime;

(14) many public housing projects and other distressed areas are still underserved by Boys and Girls Clubs.

**SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

**SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the sense of the Senate that, in recognition of the proven success of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens, the funding levels in this resolution assume that all amounts that have been and will be authorized for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America under the Economic Espionage act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 13751 note), as amended,

will provide adequate resources in the form of seed money for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to establish 1,500 additional local clubs where needed, with particular emphasis placed on establishing clubs in public housing projects and distressed areas, and to ensure that there are a total of not less than 5,000 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities in operation by December 31, 2010, serving not less than 5,000,000 young people.

**SA 238.** Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. KERRY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$400,000,000.  
 On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$102,000,000.  
 On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$102,000,000.  
 On page 3, line 13, increase the amount by \$32,000,000.  
 On page 3, line 14, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.  
 On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$400,000,000.  
 On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$102,000,000.  
 On page 3, line 21, increase the amount by \$102,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 1, increase the amount by \$32,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 2, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$146,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$23,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$51,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$51,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$16,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 20, increase the amount by \$5,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$377,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$51,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$51,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 2, increase the amount by \$16,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 3, increase the amount by \$5,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 7, decrease the amount by \$377,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 8, decrease the amount by \$428,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 9, decrease the amount by \$479,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 10, decrease the amount by \$495,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 11, decrease the amount by \$500,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 15, decrease the amount by \$377,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 16, decrease the amount by \$428,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 17, decrease the amount by \$479,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 18, decrease the amount by \$495,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 19, decrease the amount by \$500,000,000.  
 On page 14, line 15, increase the amount by \$146,000,000.

On page 14, line 16, increase the amount by \$23,000,000.  
 On page 14, line 20, increase the amount by \$51,000,000.  
 On page 14, line 24, increase the amount by \$51,000,000.  
 On page 15, line 3, increase the amount by \$16,000,000.  
 On page 15, line 7, increase the amount by \$5,000,000.  
 On page 30, line 16, decrease the amount by \$400,000,000.  
 On page 30, line 17, decrease the amount by \$646,000,000.  
 On page 48, line 6, increase the amount by \$146,000,000.  
 On page 48, line 7, increase the amount by \$23,000,000.

**SA 239.** Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SARBAKES, Mr. REED, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. AKAKA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$240,000,000.  
 On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$560,000,000.  
 On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$500,000,000.  
 On page 3, line 13, increase the amount by \$400,000,000.  
 On page 3, line 14, increase the amount by \$300,000,000.  
 On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$240,000,000.  
 On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$560,000,000.  
 On page 3, line 21, increase the amount by \$500,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 1, increase the amount by \$400,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 2, increase the amount by \$300,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,000,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$120,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$280,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$250,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$200,000,000.  
 On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$280,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$250,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 2, increase the amount by \$200,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 3, increase the amount by \$150,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 7, decrease the amount by \$120,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 8, decrease the amount by \$200,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 9, decrease the amount by \$150,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 11, decrease the amount by \$250,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 2, increase the amount by \$200,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 3, increase the amount by \$150,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 7, decrease the amount by \$120,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 8, decrease the amount by \$400,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 9, decrease the amount by \$650,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 10, decrease the amount by \$850,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, decrease the amount by \$1,000,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 15, decrease the amount by \$120,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 16, decrease the amount by \$400,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 17, decrease the amount by \$650,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 18, decrease the amount by \$850,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 19, decrease the amount by \$1,000,000,000.  
 On page 23, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,000,000,000.  
 On page 23, line 17, increase the amount by \$120,000,000.  
 On page 23 line 21, increase the amount by \$280,000,000.  
 On page 23 line 25, increase the amount by \$250,000,000.  
 On page 24 line 4, increase the amount by \$200,000,000.  
 On page 24 line 8, increase the amount by \$150,000,000.  
 On page 30 line 16, decrease the amount by \$240,000,000.  
 On page 30 line 17, decrease the amount by \$2,000,000,000.  
 On page 48 line 6, increase the amount by \$1,000,000,000.  
 On page 48 line 7, increase the amount by \$120,000,000.  
 On Page 65, after line 25 insert the following:

**FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES PROGRAMS.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate finds that—

(1) State and local law enforcement officers provide essential services that preserve and protect our freedom and safety;  
 (2) with the support of the Community Oriented Policing Services program (referred to in this section as the “COPS program”), State and local law enforcement officers have succeeded in dramatically reducing violent crime;

(3) on July 15, 2002, the Attorney General stated, “Since law enforcement agencies began partnering with citizens through community policing, we’ve seen significant drops in crime rates. COPS provides resources that reflect our national priority of terrorism prevention.”;

(4) on February 26, 2002, the Attorney General stated, “The COPS program has been a miraculous sort of success. It’s one of those things that Congress hopes will happen when it sets up a program.”;

(5) the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Assistant Director for the Office of Law Enforcement Coordination has stated, “The FBI fully understands that our success in the fight against terrorism is directly related to the strength of our relationship with our State and local partners.”;

(6) a 2003 study of the 44 largest metropolitan police departments found that 27 of them have reduced force levels;

(7) shortages of officers and increased homeland security duties has forced many local police agencies to rely on overtime and abandon effective, preventative policing practices. And, as a result police chiefs from around the nation are reporting increased gang activity and other troubling crime indicators;

(8) several studies have concluded that the implementation of community policing as a law enforcement strategy is an important factor in the reduction of crime in our communities;

(9) In addition, experts at the Brookings Institute have concluded that community policing programs are critical to our success in the war against terrorism.

(10) the continuation and full funding of the COPS program through fiscal year 2010 is

supported by several major law enforcement organizations, including—

(A) the International Association of Chiefs of Police;  
 (B) the International Brotherhood of Police Officers;  
 (C) the Fraternal Order of Police;  
 (D) the National Sheriffs' Association;  
 (E) the National Troopers Coalition;  
 (F) the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association;

(G) the National Association of Police Organizations;

(H) the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives;

(I) the Police Executive Research Forum; and

(J) the Major Cities Chiefs;

(11) Congress appropriated \$928,912,000 for the COPS program for fiscal year 2003, \$756,283,000 for fiscal year 2004, and \$499,364,000 for fiscal year 2005, and

(12) the President requested \$117,781,000 for the COPS program for fiscal year 2006, \$381,583,000 less than the amount appropriated for fiscal year 2004.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the levels in this resolution assume that an increase of \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Justice's community oriented policing program will be provided without reduction and consistent with previous appropriated and authorized levels.

**SA 240.** Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 3, line 10 increase the amount by \$1,458,000,000.

On page 3, line 11 increase the amount by \$3,536,000,000.

On page 3, line 12 increase the amount by \$3,605,000,000.

On page 3, line 13 increase the amount by \$2,922,000,000.

On page 3, line 14 increase the amount by \$2,316,000,000.

On page 4, line 7 increase the amount by \$8,920,000,000.

On page 4, line 8 increase the amount by \$8,332,000,000.

On page 4, line 9 increase the amount by \$8,332,000,000.

On page 4, line 10 increase the amount by \$9,568,000,000.

On page 4, line 16 increase the amount by \$1,458,000,000.

On page 4, line 17 increase the amount by \$3,536,000,000.

On page 4, line 18 increase the amount by \$3,605,000,000.

On page 4, line 19 increase the amount by \$2,922,000,000.

On page 4, line 20 increase the amount by \$2,316,000,000.

On page 15, line 15 increase the amount by \$8,920,000,000.

On page 15, line 16 increase the amount by \$1,458,000,000.

On page 15, line 19 increase the amount by \$8,332,000,000.

On page 15, line 20 increase the amount by \$3,536,000,000.

On page 15, line 23 increase the amount by \$8,332,000,000.

On page 15, line 24 increase the amount by \$3,605,000,000.

On page 16, line 2 increase the amount by \$9,568,000,000.

On page 16, line 3 increase the amount by \$2,922,000,000.

On page 16, line 7 increase the amount by \$2,316,000,000.

On page 48, line 6 increase the amount by \$579,000,000.

On page 48, line 7 decrease the amount by \$40,372,000,000.

On page 48, line 8, after "outlays for the discretionary category" add the following: "and \$34,740,000,000 for the highway category and \$7,099,000,000 for the transit category".

**SA 241.** Mr. BUNNING proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 3, line 9, decrease the amount by \$0.

On page 3, line 10, decrease the amount by \$4,800,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, decrease the amount by \$12,500,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, decrease the amount by \$14,000,000,000.

On page 3, line 13, decrease the amount by \$15,600,000,000.

On page 3, line 14, decrease the amount by \$17,000,000,000.

On page 3, line 18, decrease the amount by \$0.

On page 3, line 19, decrease the amount by \$4,800,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, decrease the amount by \$12,500,000,000.

On page 3, line 21, decrease the amount by \$14,000,000,000.

On page 4, line 1, decrease the amount by \$15,600,000,000.

On page 4, line 2, decrease the amount by \$17,000,000,000.

On page 4, line 23, decrease the amount by \$0.

On page 4, line 24, decrease the amount by \$4,800,000,000.

On page 4, line 25, decrease the amount by \$12,500,000,000.

On page 5, line 1, decrease the amount by \$14,000,000,000.

On page 5, line 2, decrease the amount by \$15,600,000,000.

On page 5, line 3, decrease the amount by \$17,000,000,000.

On page 5, line 6, increase the amount by \$0.

On page 5, line 7, increase the amount by \$4,800,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, increase the amount by \$17,300,000,000.

On page 5, line 9, increase the amount by \$31,300,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, increase the amount by \$46,900,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, increase the amount by \$63,900,000.

On page 5, line 14, increase the amount by \$0.

On page 5, line 15, increase the amount by \$4,800,000,000.

On page 5, line 16, increase the amount by \$17,300,000,000.

On page 5, line 17, increase the amount by \$31,300,000,000.

On page 5, line 18, increase the amount by \$46,900,000,000.

On page 5, line 19, increase the amount by \$63,900,000.

On page 30, line 16, increase the amount by \$4,800,000,000.

On page 30, line 17, increase the amount by \$63,900,000,000.

**SA 242.** Mr. SMITH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert:

"In response to the ongoing drought in certain western states, Congress should allocate \$15,000,000 to the Bureau of Reclamation's Drought Emergency Assistance Program from within fiscal year 2006 funds available in the Water and Related Resources account for bureauwide programs of the Bureau of Reclamation, an agency of the Department of the Interior."

**SA 243.** Mr. CONRAD proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

At the appropriate place insert the following:

**SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE ON REDUCING THE TAX ON SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.**

It is the sense of the Senate that the tax cuts assumed in this resolution include repeal of the 1993 law that subjects 85% of certain Social Security benefits to the income tax, provided that the revenue loss to the Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund is fully replaced so that seniors' access to health care is not adversely affected. If the inclusion of these proposals would otherwise cause the cost of the tax cuts to exceed the level authorized in the resolution, any excess should be fully offset by closing corporate tax loopholes.

**SA 244.** Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN)) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$72,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$108,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$14,000,000.

On page 3, line 13, increase the amount by \$4,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$72,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$108,000,000.

On page 3, line 21, increase the amount by \$14,000,000.

On page 4, line 1, increase the amount by \$4,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$100,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$36,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$54,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$7,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$2,000,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$36,000,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$54,000,000.

On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$7,000,000.

On page 5, line 2, increase the amount by \$2,000,000.

On page 5, line 7, decrease the amount by \$36,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, decrease the amount by \$90,000,000.

On page 5, line 9, decrease the amount by \$97,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, decrease the amount by \$99,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, decrease the amount by \$99,000,000.

On page 5, line 15, decrease the amount by \$36,000,000.

On page 5, line 16, decrease the amount by \$90,000,000.

On page 5, line 17, decrease the amount by \$97,000,000.

On page 5, line 18, decrease the amount by \$99,000,000.

On page 5, line 19, decrease the amount by \$99,000,000.

On page 18, line 16, increase the amount by \$100,000,000.

On page 18, line 17, increase the amount by \$36,000,000.

On page 19, line 4, increase the amount by \$2,000,000.

On page 30, line 16, decrease the amount by \$72,000,000.

On page 30, line 17, decrease the amount by \$198,000,000.

On page 48, line 6, increase the amount by \$36,000,000.

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) Although the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention included family planning in its published list of the Ten Great Public Health Achievements in the 20th Century, the United States still has one of the highest rates of unintended pregnancies among industrialized nations.

(2) Increasing access to family planning services will improve women's health and reduce the rates of unintended pregnancy, abortion, and infection with sexually transmitted infections.

(3) Contraceptive use saves public health dollars. Every dollar spent on providing family planning services saves an estimated \$3 in expenditures for pregnancy-related and newborn care for Medicaid alone.

(4) Each year, 3,000,000 pregnancies, nearly half of all pregnancies, in the United States are unintended, and nearly half of unintended pregnancies end in abortion.

(5) In 2002, 34,000,000 women—half of all women of reproductive age were in need of contraceptive services and supplies to help prevent unintended pregnancy, and half of those were in need of public support for such care.

(6) The United States also has the highest rate of infection with sexually transmitted infections of any industrialized country. In 2003 there were approximately 19,000,000 new cases of sexually transmitted infections. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (November 2004), these sexually transmitted infections impose a tremendous economic burden with direct medical costs as high as \$15,500,000,000 per year.

(7) The child born from an unintended pregnancy is at greater risk of low birth weight, dying in the first year of life, being abused, and not receiving sufficient resources for healthy development.

(8) Each year, services under title X of the Public Health Service Act enable Americans

to prevent approximately 1,000,000 unintended pregnancies, and one in three women of reproductive age who obtains testing or treatment for sexually transmitted infections does so at a title X-funded clinic. In 2003, title X-funded clinics provided 2,800,000 Pap tests, 5,100,000 sexually transmitted infection tests, and 526,000 HIV tests.

(9) The increasing number of uninsured individuals, stagnant funding, health care inflation, new and expensive contraceptive technologies, and improved but expensive screening and treatment for cervical cancer and sexually transmitted infections, have diminished the ability of clinics funded under title X of the Public Health Service Act to adequately serve all those in need. Taking medical inflation into account, funding for the program under such title X declined by 59 percent between 1980 and 2004.

(10) Although employer-sponsored health plans have improved coverage of contraceptive services and supplies, largely in response to State contraceptive coverage laws, there is still significant room for improvement. Half of the 45,000,000 women of reproductive age currently live in the 29 States without contraceptive coverage policies. These women may still find the most effective forms of contraceptives beyond their financial reach due to a lack of coverage.

(11) Including contraceptive coverage in private health care plans saves employers money. Not covering contraceptives in employee health plans costs employers 15 to 17 percent more than providing such coverage.

(12) Approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration, emergency contraception is a safe and effective way to prevent unintended pregnancy after unprotected sex. It is estimated that the use of emergency contraception could cut the number of unintended pregnancies in half, thereby reducing the need for abortion. New research confirms that easier access to emergency contraceptives does not increase sexual risk-taking or sexually transmitted infections.

(13) In 2000, 51,000 abortions were prevented by the use of emergency contraception. Increased use of emergency contraception accounted for up to 43 percent of the total decline in abortions between 1994 and 2000.

(14) Thirteen percent of all teens give birth before age 20. Eighty-eight percent of births to teens age 17 or younger were unintended. Twenty-four percent of Hispanic females gave birth before the age of 20. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, December 2004).

(15) Children born to teen moms begin life with the odds against them. They are less likely to be ready for kindergarten, more likely to be of low-birth weight, 50 percent more likely to repeat a grade, more likely to live in poverty, and significantly more likely to be victims of abuse and neglect.

(16) Research shows that a range of initiatives, including sex education, youth development and service learning programs, can encourage teens to behave responsibly by delaying sexual activity and pregnancy. Federal tax dollars are best invested in programs with research-based evidence of success.

(b) **SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the sense of the Senate that this resolution assumes that—

(1) \$100,000,000 of the amount provided for under function category 550 (health) for fiscal year 2006 may be used for any or all of the following—

(A) to fund increases in amounts appropriated to carry out title X of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300 et seq.) above amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2005;

(B) to fund legislation that would require equitable coverage of prescription contracep-

tive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans;

(C) to fund legislation that would create a public education program administered through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concerning the use, safety, efficacy, and availability of emergency contraception that is—

(i) approved by the Food and Drug administration to prevent pregnancy; and

(ii) used post-coitally; or

(D) to fund legislation that would permit the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award, on a competitive basis, grants to public and private entities to establish or expand teenage pregnancy prevention programs or to disseminate information to educators and parents about the most effective strategies for preventing teen pregnancy (funds made available under the authority of this subparagraph are not intended for use by abstinence-only education programs);

(2) the prevention programs described in paragraph (1) are cost effective and will achieve savings by—

(A) reducing the number of unintended pregnancies;

(B) reducing the rate of sexually transmitted infections;

(C) reducing the costs to the medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.); and

(D) providing for the early detection of HIV and early detection of breast and cervical cancer; and

(3) the increase in funding described in paragraph (1) is offset by an increase in revenues of not to exceed \$200,000,000 to be derived from closing corporate tax loopholes, of which the remaining \$100,000,000 (after amounts are expended pursuant to this section) should be used for deficit reduction.

**SA 245.** Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$90,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$1,920,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$780,000,000.

On page 3, line 13, increase the amount by \$210,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$90,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$1,920,000,000.

On page 3, line 21, increase the amount by \$780,000,000.

On page 4, line 1, increase the amount by \$210,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,500,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$45,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$960,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$390,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$105,000,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$45,000,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$960,000,000.

On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$390,000,000.

On page 5, line 2, increase the amount by \$105,000,000.

On page 5, line 7, decrease the amount by \$45,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, decrease the amount by \$1,005,000,000.

On page 5, line 9, decrease the amount by \$1,395,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, decrease the amount by \$1,500,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, decrease the amount by \$1,500,000,000.

On page 5, line 15, decrease the amount by \$45,000,000.

On page 5, line 16, decrease the amount by \$1,005,000,000.

On page 5, line 17, decrease the amount by \$1,395,000,000.

On page 5, line 18, decrease the amount by \$1,500,000,000.

On page 5, line 19, decrease the amount by \$1,500,000,000.

On page 17, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,500,000,000.

On page 17, line 17, increase the amount by \$45,000,000.

On page 17, line 21, increase the amount by \$960,000,000.

On page 17, line 25, increase the amount by \$390,000,000.

On page 18, line 4, increase the amount by \$105,000,000.

On page 30, line 16, decrease the amount by \$90,000,000.

On page 30, line 17, decrease the amount by \$3,000,000,000.

On page 48, line 6, increase the amount by \$1,500,000,000.

On page 48, line 7, increase the amount by \$45,000,000.

**SA 246.** Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$710,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$2,188,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$60,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$710,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$2,188,000,000.

On page 3, line 21, increase the amount by \$60,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,479,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$355,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$1,094,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$30,000,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$355,000,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$1,094,000,000.

On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$30,000,000.

On page 5, line 7, decrease the amount by \$355,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, decrease the amount by \$1,449,000,000.

On page 5, line 9, decrease the amount by \$1,479,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, decrease the amount by \$1,479,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, decrease the amount by \$1,479,000,000.

On page 5, line 15, decrease the amount by \$355,000,000.

On page 5, line 16, decrease the amount by \$1,449,000,000.

On page 5, line 17, decrease the amount by \$1,479,000,000.

On page 5, line 18, decrease the amount by \$1,479,000,000.

On page 5, line 19, decrease the amount by \$1,479,000,000.

On page 17, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,479,000,000.

On page 17, line 17, increase the amount by \$355,000,000.

On page 17, line 21, increase the amount by \$1,094,000,000.

On page 17, line 25, increase the amount by \$30,000,000.

On page 30, line 16, decrease the amount by \$710,000,000.

On page 30, line 17, decrease the amount by \$2,958,000,000.

On page 48, line 6, increase the amount by \$1,479,000,000.

On page 48, line 7, increase the amount by \$355,000,000.

**SA 247.** Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KERRY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$3,200,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$3,200,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$3,200,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$3,200,000,000.

On page 20, line 16, increase the amount by \$3,200,000,000.

On page 20, line 17, increase the amount by \$3,200,000,000.

On page 30, line 16, decrease the amount by \$3,200,000,000.

On page 30, line 17, decrease the amount by \$3,200,000,000.

On page 48, line 6, increase the amount by \$3,200,000,000.

On page 48, line 7, increase the amount by \$3,200,000,000.

**SA 248.** Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, line 15, decrease the amount by \$1,000,000,000.

On page 9, line 16, decrease the amount by \$421,000,000.

On page 9, line 20, decrease the amount by \$349,000,000.

On page 9, line 24, decrease the amount by \$75,000,000.

On page 10, line 3, decrease the amount by \$5,000,000.

On page 17, line 16, increase the amount by \$850,000,000.

On page 17, line 17, increase the amount by \$421,000,000.

On page 17, line 22, increase the amount by \$349,000,000.

On page 17, line 25, increase the amount by \$75,000,000.

On page 18, line 4, increase the amount by \$5,000,000.

On page 24, line 16, increase the amount by \$150,000,000.

On page 24, line 17, increase the amount by \$150,000,000.

**SA 249.** Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$113,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$26,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$113,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$26,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$139,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$113,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$26,000,000.

On page 14, line 15, increase the amount by \$139,000,000.

On page 14, line 16, increase the amount by \$113,000,000.

On page 14, line 20, increase the amount by \$26,000,000.

On page 30, line 16, decrease the amount by \$113,000,000.

On page 30, line 17, decrease the amount by \$139,000,000.

On page 48, line 6, increase the amount by \$139,000,000.

On page 48, line 7, increase the amount by \$113,000,000.

**SA 250.** Mr. CORZINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$1,100,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$1,700,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$1,700,000,000.

On page 3, line 13, increase the amount by \$1,700,000,000.

On page 3, line 14, increase the amount by \$1,800,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$1,100,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$1,700,000,000.

On page 3, line 21, increase the amount by \$1,700,000,000.

On page 4, line 1, increase the amount by \$1,700,000,000.

On page 4, line 2, increase the amount by \$1,800,000,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,100,000,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$1,700,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$1,700,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 2, increase the amount by \$1,700,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 3, increase the amount by \$1,800,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 7, decrease the amount by \$1,100,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 8, decrease the amount by \$2,800,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 9, decrease the amount by \$4,500,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 10, decrease the amount by \$6,200,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 11, decrease the amount by \$8,000,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 15, decrease the amount by \$1,100,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 16, decrease the amount by \$2,800,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 17, decrease the amount by \$4,500,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 18, decrease the amount by \$6,200,000,000.  
 On page 5, line 19, decrease the amount by \$8,000,000,000.  
 On page 30, line 16, decrease the amount by \$1,100,000,000.  
 On page 30, line 17, decrease the amount by \$8,000,000,000.

**SA 251.** Mr. CORZINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. SENSE OF THE SENATE ON SUPPORT FOR THE INVESTOR PROTECTION MISSION OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate finds the following:

(1) Investor protection is essential to the mission of the Securities and Exchange Commission (hereafter referred to as the "Commission"), which is to promote fair, orderly, and competitive financial markets.

(2) The integrity of America's securities markets depends on accurate financial disclosure and transparency.

(3) Public confidence in our securities markets is enhanced by the continued independence of the Commission.

(4) Cuts to the Securities and Exchange Commission budget that would force the agency to delay hiring or the implementation of technology projects could undermine the ability of the Commission to protect investors.

(b) **SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the Sense of the Senate that the functional totals in this resolution assume that there will be no cuts to the Securities and Exchange Commission budget that would diminish the ability of the Commission to protect investors.

**SA 252.** Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

At the end of title III, insert:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. RESERVE FUND FOR EXTENSION OF TREATMENT OF COMBAT PAY FOR EARNED INCOME AND CHILD TAX CREDITS.**

If the Committee on Finance reports a bill or joint resolution, or an amendment thereto is offered or a conference report thereon is submitted, that makes permanent the taxpayer election to treat combat pay otherwise excluded from gross income under section 112 of the Internal Revenue Code as earned income for purposes of the earned income credit and makes permanent the treatment of such combat pay as earned income for purposes of the child tax credit, the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget may revise the allocations of budget authority and outlays, the revenue aggregates, and other appropriate measures, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit for the period of fiscal year 2006 or the total of fiscal years 2006 through 2010.

**SA 253.** Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TALENT, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. DEWINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 65, after line 25, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. SENSE OF THE SENATE SUPPORTING FUNDING FOR HIDTAS.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate finds the following:

(1) The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program encompasses 28 strategic regions, 355 task forces, 53 intelligence centers, 4,428 Federal personnel, and 8,459 State and local personnel.

(2) The purposes of the HIDTA program are to reduce drug trafficking and drug production in designated areas in the United States by—

(A) facilitating cooperation among Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies to share information and implement coordinated enforcement activities;

(B) enhancing intelligence sharing among Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies;

(C) providing reliable intelligence to law enforcement agencies needed to design effective enforcement strategies and operations; and

(D) supporting coordinated law enforcement strategies which maximize use of available resources to reduce the supply of drugs in HIDTA designated areas.

(3) In 2004, HIDTA efforts resulted in disrupting or dismantling over 509 international, 711 multi-State, and 1,110 local drug trafficking organizations.

(4) In 2004, HIDTA instructors trained 21,893 students in cutting-edge practices to limit drug trafficking and manufacturing within their areas.

(5) The HIDTAs are the only drug enforcement coalitions that include equal partnership between Federal, State, and local law enforcement leaders executing a regional approach to achieving regional goals while pursuing a national mission.

(6) The proposed budget of \$100,000,000 for the HIDTA program is inadequate to effectively maintain all of the operations currently being supported.

(7) The proposed budget of \$100,000,000 for the HIDTA program would undermine the viability of this program and the efforts of law

enforcement around the country to combat illegal drugs, particularly methamphetamine.

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

(1) the spending level of budget function 750 (Administration of Justice) is assumed to include \$227,000,000 for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas; and

(2) unless new legislation is enacted, it is assumed that the HIDTA program will remain with the Office of National Drug Control Policy, where Congress last authorized it to reside.

**SA 254.** Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. DOMENICI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 4, line 7, decrease the amount by \$5,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$42,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, decrease the amount by \$21,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, decrease the amount by \$12,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, decrease the amount by \$6,000,000.

On page 4, line 24, decrease the amount by \$42,000,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$21,000,000.

On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$12,000,000.

On page 5, line 2, increase the amount by \$6,000,000.

On page 5, line 3, increase the amount by \$3,000,000.

On page 5, line 7, increase the amount by \$42,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, increase the amount by \$21,000,000.

On page 5, line 9, increase the amount by \$9,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, decrease the amount by \$18,000,000.

On page 5, line 15, increase the amount by \$42,000,000.

On page 5, line 16, increase the amount by \$21,000,000.

On page 5, line 17, increase the amount by \$9,000,000.

On page 5, line 18, decrease the amount by \$18,000,000.

On page 9, line 15, decrease the amount by \$52,000,000.

On page 9, line 16, decrease the amount by \$5,000,000.

On page 9, line 20, decrease the amount by \$21,000,000.

On page 9, line 24, decrease the amount by \$12,000,000.

On page 10, line 3, decrease the amount by \$6,000,000.

On page 10, line 7, decrease the amount by \$3,000,000.

On page 24, line 16, increase the amount by \$47,000,000.

On page 24, line 17, increase the amount by \$47,000,000.

On page 48, line 7, increase the amount by \$42,000,000.

**SA 255.** Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an

amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$13,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$81,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$98,000,000.

On page 3, line 13, increase the amount by \$72,000,000.

On page 3, line 14, increase the amount by \$28,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$13,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$81,000,000.

On page 3, line 21, increase the amount by \$98,000,000.

On page 4, line 1, increase the amount by \$72,000,000.

On page 4, line 2, increase the amount by \$28,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$150,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$7,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$40,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$49,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$36,000,000.

On page 4, line 20, increase the amount by \$14,000,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$6,000,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$41,000,000.

On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$49,000,000.

On page 5, line 2, increase the amount by \$36,000,000.

On page 5, line 3, increase the amount by \$14,000,000.

On page 5, line 7, decrease the amount by \$6,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, decrease the amount by \$47,000,000.

On page 5, line 9, decrease the amount by \$96,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, decrease the amount by \$132,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, decrease the amount by \$146,000,000.

On page 5, line 15, decrease the amount by \$6,000,000.

On page 5, line 16, decrease the amount by \$47,000,000.

On page 5, line 17, decrease the amount by \$96,000,000.

On page 5, line 18, decrease the amount by \$132,000,000.

On page 5, line 19, decrease the amount by \$146,000,000.

On page 22, line 16, increase the amount by \$150,000,000.

On page 22, line 17, increase the amount by \$7,000,000.

On page 22, line 21, increase the amount by \$40,000,000.

On page 22, line 25, increase the amount by \$49,000,000.

On page 23, line 4, increase the amount by \$36,000,000.

On page 23, line 8, increase the amount by \$14,000,000.

On page 30, line 16, decrease the amount by \$13,000,000.

On page 30, line 17, decrease the amount by \$292,000,000.

On page 48, line 6, increase the amount by \$150,000,000.

On page 48, line 7, increase the amount by \$7,000,000.

**SA 256.** Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. VOVONOVICH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REED, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. SENSE OF SENATE REGARDING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate finds that—

(1) payments to States from the Federal Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund under title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.) are essential to protect public health, fisheries, wildlife, and watersheds, and to ensure opportunities for public recreation and economic development;

(2) despite important progress in protecting and enhancing water quality since the enactment of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) in 1972, serious water pollution problems persist throughout the United States;

(3) the report of the Environmental Protection Agency dated September 30, 2002, and relating to clean water and drinking water infrastructure gap analysis found that there will be a \$535,000,000,000 gap between current spending and projected needs for water and wastewater infrastructure over the next 20 years if additional investments are not made;

(4) in November 2002, the Congressional Budget Office estimated the annual investment in clean water infrastructure needs to be at least \$13,000,000,000 for capital construction and \$20,300,000,000 for operation and maintenance; and

(5) the Federal Government is a vital partner with State and local governments and must continue to share in the burden of maintaining and improving the water infrastructure of the United States.

(b) **SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the sense of the Senate that payments to States from the Federal Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund under title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.) should be increased to \$1,350,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 to assist States and local communities in meeting water quality standards and restoring the health and safety of the water of the United States.

**SA 257.** Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. POINT OF ORDER.**

(a) **POINT OF ORDER IN THE SENATE.**—It shall not be in order in the Senate to con-

sider any appropriations bill if it allows funds to be provided for prepackaged news stories that do not have a disclaimer that continuously runs through the presentation which says, “Paid for by the United States Government.”

(b) **SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.**—This section may be waived or suspended in the Senate only by an affirmative vote of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the Members, duly chosen and sworn. An affirmative vote of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required in the Senate to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under this section.

**SA 258.** Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 40, after line 8, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. RESERVE FUND FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PART A TRUST FUND.**

The Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget may revise the aggregates, allocations, functional totals, and other appropriate levels and limits in this resolution upon enactment of legislation that achieves savings under the medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act by reducing overpayments to Medicare Advantage plans (such as legislation that requires the full amount of savings from the implementation of risk adjusted payments to Medicare Advantage plans to accrue to the medicare program, that eliminates the plan stabilization fund under section 1858(e) of such Act, and that adjusts the MA area-specific non-drug monthly benchmark amount under part C of such title to exclude payments for the indirect costs of medical education under section 1886(d)(5)(B) of such Act), by the amount of savings in that legislation, to ensure that those savings are reserved for deficit reduction and to strengthen the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund.

**SA 259.** Mrs. BOXER proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 65, after line 25, insert the following:

**SEC. 510. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED, AND INTEGRATED NATIONAL OCEAN POLICY.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) The United States Commission on Ocean Policy and the Pew Ocean Commission have each completed and published independent findings on the state of the United States oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes.

(2) The findings made by the Commissions include the following:

(A) The United States oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes are a vital component of the economy of the United States.

(B) The resources and ecosystems associated with the United States oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes are in trouble.

(b) **SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the sense of the Senate that the President and the Congress should—

(1) expeditiously consider the recommendations of the United States Commission on Ocean Policy during the 109th Congress; and

(2) enact a comprehensive, coordinated, and integrated national ocean policy that will ensure the long-term economic and ecological health of the United States oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes.

**SA 260.** Mr. SMITH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert:

**SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING DROUGHT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

It is the sense of the Senate that, in response to the ongoing drought in certain western states, Congress should allocate \$15,000,000 to the Bureau of Reclamation's Drought Emergency Assistance Program from within fiscal year 2006 funds available in the Water and Related Resources account for bureauwide programs of the Bureau of Reclamation, an agency of the Department of the Interior.

**SA 261.** Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REED, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. KENNEDY) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. . SENSE OF SENATE REGARDING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate finds that—

(1) payments to States from the Federal Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund under title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.) are essential to protect public health, fisheries, wildlife, and watersheds, and to ensure opportunities for public recreation and economic development;

(2) despite important progress in protecting and enhancing water quality since the enactment of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) in 1972, serious water pollution problems persist throughout the United States;

(3) the report of the Environmental Protection Agency dated September 30, 2002, and relating to clean water and drinking water infrastructure gap analysis found that there will be a \$535,000,000,000 gap between current spending and projected needs for water and wastewater infrastructure over the next 20 years if additional investments are not made;

(4) in November 2002, the Congressional Budget Office estimated the annual investment in clean water infrastructure needs to be at least \$13,000,000,000 for capital construction and \$20,300,000,000 for operation and maintenance; and

(5) the Federal Government is a vital partner with State and local governments and must continue to share in the burden of maintaining and improving the water infrastructure of the United States.

(b) **SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the sense of the Senate that payments to States from the Federal Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund under title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.) should be increased to \$1,350,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 to assist States and local communities in meeting water quality standards and restoring the health and safety of the water of the United States.

**SA 262.** Mr. GREGG (for Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. GREGG to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

At the end of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE WITH RESPECT TO PENSION REFORM.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate finds the following:

(1) The rules for calculating the funded status of pension plans and for determining calculations, premiums, and other issues should ensure strong funding of such plans in both good and bad economic times.

(2) The expiration of the interest rate provisions of the Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004 at the end of 2005 and the need to address the deficit at the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (referred to in this section as the "PBGC") demand enactment of pension legislation this year.

(3) Thirty-four million active and retired workers are relying on their defined benefit plans to provide retirement security, and a failure by Congress to reform the defined benefit system will place at risk the pensions of millions of Americans.

(4) Stabilization of the defined benefit pension system and the PBGC may require significant and structural changes in the Employee Retirement and Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which must be undertaken in a single comprehensive set of reforms.

(b) **SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the sense of the Senate that the Senate conferees shall insist on the Senate position expressed in this resolution with respect to PBGC premiums.

**SA 283.** Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. ENZI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

**SEC. . SPECIAL RULE WITH RESPECT TO PENSION REFORM**

In the Senate, if the Committee on Finance or the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions reports a bill or joint resolution that includes pension reform and that measure achieves not less than \$476 million in net outlay reductions in fiscal year 2006 and \$3.306 billion in net outlay reductions for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2010, and provided both committees have met their respective spending reconciliation instructions pursuant to Sec. 201(a), the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget may file with the Senate appropriately revised allocations, function levels and aggregates as long as the cumulative value of the

adjustments do not increase overall Federal Government outlays. Function levels or aggregate spending levels for fiscal year 2006 or for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2010.

Such revised allocations, function levels and aggregates shall be considered as allocations, function levels, and aggregates contained in the most recently agreed to concurrent resolution on the budget.

**SA 264.** Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 43, designating the first day of April 2005 as "National Asbestos Awareness Day"; as follows:

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas dangerous asbestos fibers are invisible and cannot be smelled or tasted;

Whereas the inhalation of airborne asbestos fibers can cause significant damage;

Whereas these fibers can cause mesothelioma, asbestosis and other health problems; Whereas asbestos-related diseases can take 10 to 50 years to present themselves;

Whereas the expected survival time for those diagnosed with mesothelioma is between 6 and 24 months;

Whereas generally little is known about late stage treatment and there is no cure for asbestos-related diseases;

Whereas early detection of asbestos-related diseases may give some patients increased treatment options and might improve their prognosis;

Whereas the United States has substantially reduced its consumption of asbestos yet continues to consume almost 7,000 metric tons of the fibrous mineral for use in certain products throughout the Nation;

Whereas asbestos-related diseases have killed thousands of people in the United States;

Whereas asbestos exposures continue and safety and prevention will reduce and has reduced significantly asbestos exposure and asbestos-related diseases;

Whereas asbestos has been a cause of occupational cancer;

Whereas thousands of workers in the United States face significant asbestos exposure;

Whereas thousands of Americans die from asbestos related diseases every year;

Whereas a significant percentage of all asbestos-related disease victims were exposed to asbestos on naval ships and in shipyards;

Whereas asbestos was used in the construction of a significant number of office buildings and public facilities built before 1975; and

Whereas the establishment of a "National Asbestos Awareness Day" would raise public awareness about the prevalence of asbestos-related diseases and the dangers of asbestos exposure: Now, therefore, be it

#### NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

**Mr. DOMENICI.** Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, April 6, at 10 a.m. in 366 Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nomination of David Garman to be Under Secretary of Energy.