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[In billions of dollars]

Section 101

(1)(A) Federal Revenues:

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| FY 2007 | 1,900.340 |
| FY 2008 | 2,024.835 |
| FY 2009 | 2,121.607 |
| FY 2010 | 2,176.229 |
| FY 2011 | 2,357.094 |
| FY 2012 | 2,498.971 |

(1)(B) Change in Federal Revenues:

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| FY 2007 | -4.366 |
| FY 2008 | -25.961 |
| FY 2009 | 14.681 |
| FY 2010 | 12.508 |
| FY 2011 | -37.456 |
| FY 2012 | -98.125 |

(2) New Budget Authority:

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|---------------|-----------|
| FY 2007 | 2,371.470 |
| FY 2008 | 2,508.833 |
| FY 2009 | 2,526.124 |
| FY 2010 | 2,581.369 |
| FY 2011 | 2,696.797 |
| FY 2012 | 2,737.578 |

(3) Budget Outlays:

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|---------------|-----------|
| FY 2007 | 2,294.862 |
| FY 2008 | 2,471.548 |
| FY 2009 | 2,573.005 |
| FY 2010 | 2,609.873 |
| FY 2011 | 2,702.839 |
| FY 2012 | 2,716.392 |

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Current Allocation to Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee:

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|-------------------------------------|--------|
| FY 2007 Budget Authority | 14,284 |
| FY 2007 Outlays | 14,056 |
| FY 2008 Budget Authority | 17,134 |
| FY 2008 Outlays | 14,644 |
| FY 2008-2012 Budget Authority | 76,371 |
| FY 2008-2012 Outlays | 70,913 |

Adjustments:

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| FY 2007 Budget Authority | 0 |
| FY 2007 Outlays | 0 |
| FY 2008 Budget Authority | -46 |
| FY 2008 Outlays | -15 |
| FY 2008-2012 Budget Authority | 510 |
| FY 2008-2012 Outlays | 136 |

Revised Allocation to Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee:

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|-------------------------------------|--------|
| FY 2007 Budget Authority | 14,284 |
| FY 2007 Outlays | 14,056 |
| FY 2008 Budget Authority | 17,088 |
| FY 2008 Outlays | 14,629 |
| FY 2008-2012 Budget Authority | 76,881 |
| FY 2008-2012 Outlays | 71,049 |

CHANGES TO S. CON. RES. 21

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, section 308(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, the 2008 budget resolution, permits the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate levels and limits in the resolution for energy legislation that

meets certain conditions, including that such legislation not worsen the deficit over the period of the total of fiscal years 2007 through 2012 or the period of the total of fiscal years 2007 through 2017.

I find that H.R. 6, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, satisfies the conditions of the deficit-neutral reserve fund for energy legislation. Therefore, pursuant to section 308(a), I am adjusting the aggregates in the 2008 budget resolution, as well as the allocation provided to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

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[In billions of dollars]

Section 101

(1)(A) Federal Revenues:

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| FY 2007 | 1,900.340 |
| FY 2008 | 2,025.851 |
| FY 2009 | 2,121.871 |
| FY 2010 | 2,175.887 |
| FY 2011 | 2,357.053 |
| FY 2012 | 2,499.050 |

(1)(B) Change in Federal Revenues:

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| FY 2007 | -4.366 |
| FY 2008 | -24.945 |
| FY 2009 | 14.945 |
| FY 2010 | 12.166 |
| FY 2011 | -37.497 |
| FY 2012 | -98.046 |

(2) New Budget Authority:

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| FY 2007 | 2,371.470 |
| FY 2008 | 2,508.899 |
| FY 2009 | 2,526.205 |
| FY 2010 | 2,581.535 |
| FY 2011 | 2,696.951 |
| FY 2012 | 2,737.742 |

(3) Budget Outlays:

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| FY 2007 | 2,294.862 |
| FY 2008 | 2,471.612 |
| FY 2009 | 2,573.079 |
| FY 2010 | 2,610.024 |
| FY 2011 | 2,702.968 |
| FY 2012 | 2,716.556 |

[In millions of dollars]

Current Allocation to Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

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|-------------------------------------|--------|
| FY 2007 Budget Authority | 5,016 |
| FY 2007 Outlays | 5,484 |
| FY 2008 Budget Authority | 5,071 |
| FY 2008 Outlays | 4,757 |
| FY 2008-2012 Budget Authority | 25,838 |
| FY 2008-2012 Outlays | 24,730 |

Adjustments:

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| FY 2007 Budget Authority | 0 |
| FY 2007 Outlays | 0 |
| FY 2008 Budget Authority | 66 |
| FY 2008 Outlays | 64 |
| FY 2008-2012 Budget Authority | 631 |
| FY 2008-2012 Outlays | 582 |

Revised Allocation to Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

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|--------------------------------|-------|
| FY 2007 Budget Authority | 5,016 |
|--------------------------------|-------|

Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008—S. Con. Res. 21; Revisions to the Conference Agreement Pursuant to Section 308(a) Deficit-Neutral Reserve Fund for Energy Legislation—Continued

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|-------------------------------------|--------|
| FY 2007 Outlays | 5,484 |
| FY 2008 Budget Authority | 5,137 |
| FY 2008 Outlays | 4,821 |
| FY 2008-2012 Budget Authority | 26,469 |
| FY 2008-2012 Outlays | 25,312 |

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JAMES DOSTER

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I rise today to remember a great Arkansan, SFC James D. Doster, of White Hall, AR, who was killed on September 29, 2007, in Baghdad, Iraq. A soldier in the B Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division based in Fort Riley, KS, Sergeant First Class Doster died from injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device, IED, detonated near his vehicle. He was 38 years old at the time of his death.

Sergeant First Class Doster graduated from White Hall High School and attended Hendrix College in Conway for 1 year before joining the Army. He served for nearly 17 years, including a tour during Operation Desert Storm in Iraq. When that conflict ended, he continued to serve, mostly as a recruiter.

A devoted husband and father, Sergeant First Class Doster is survived by his wife Amanda and two young girls, Kathryn and Grace. He is also survived by his mother, Billie K. Doster of White Hall, and brother, Robert Doster of Albuquerque, NM. His father, the late Charles C. Doster, Jr., passed away last year.

Mr. President, it is truly a sad day that our Nation has lost another great patriot. Sergeant First Class Doster served our Nation proudly for so many years, and his loss will be felt throughout the Jefferson County community. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during their time of grief.

SPECIALIST TODD A. MOTLEY

Mr. President, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to a citizen with family roots in Arkansas who served his country with honor, Specialist Todd A. Motley of Clare, MI. In support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Specialist Motley was one of four soldiers who lost their lives during combat operations outside Baghdad on September 14, 2007. Specialist Motley, along with SSG Terry Wagoner of Piedmont, SC, SPC Jonathan Rivandeneira of Jackson Heights, NY, and PVT Christopher McCloud of Malakoff, TX, suffered mortal wounds upon the detonation of an improvised explosive device near their vehicle. Each of the men was assigned to B Troop, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX.

Motley joined the Army in March 2005 after graduating Clare Pioneer High School in 2003. "Todd was one of your 'once-in-a-lifetime' kids," says Pioneer principal Lori Enos. Enos described Motley as creative, loyal and "outgoing but not obnoxious."

As a testament to Motley's character, hundreds of residents and schoolchildren in and around the community of Harrison, MI, lined the streets and waved small American flags as the funeral procession drove past.

"He came in to talk about serving in the military, and about his experiences. He was promoting finishing school, hanging in there, and not giving up. If you have a goal, keep pushing to reach that goal," says Principal Enos about Motley's speech he gave at the Alternative High School in the Clare Public School District only 1 year earlier. "He emphasized that."

SPC Todd Motley is survived in Arkansas by his wife Karen, of Clare, his two daughters Hannah and Kaylee, also of Clare, his brothers Ian and Nickolas, his maternal grandmother Marcia Dolin, and his mother Renee, all of Hoxie, AR.

SPECIALIST TYLER R. SEIDEMAN

Mr. President, the town of Lincoln, AR, in the northwest part of my State, lost its first casualty to the war in Iraq on August 22, 2007, when SPC Tyler R. Seideman was killed in a helicopter crash. He was only 20 years old.

Specialist Seideman joined the Army after his best friend, Logan Biswell, enlisted a few years ago. Although they were assigned to different units, both were sent to Iraq, and Specialist Seideman served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division based in Schofield Barracks, HI.

Specialist Seideman was one of 14 other Americans killed aboard a Blackhawk helicopter that suffered mechanical problems and crashed in northern Iraq. There were no survivors.

Tyler was always a popular young man in his town of Lincoln. He was considered a good athlete and played both football and baseball for his hometown team, the Lincoln High School Wolves. His former coach remembered him as a leader known for his fighting spirit. In an interview with the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, former Lincoln High coach Mike Guthrie said that he "was a hard worker and a good kid. He stuck with it during lean times when we weren't very good, but he was a good athlete who played both ways and gave it everything he had."

At his funeral, friends remembered him as the kind of guy who "would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it." Others mentioned that he would always joke around or would be quick with a smile. Another high school friend called him "a gentleman and a great role model."

Specialist Seideman was given a full military funeral and was buried at the National Cemetery in Fayetteville. He is survived by his parents William and Lee Ann Seideman of Lincoln and his sisters Kiera and Kristen. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with the Seidemans and the community of Lincoln during this difficult time.

PRIVATE NATHAN Z. THACKER

Mr. President, Arkansas lost another young man last week when 18-year-old Army PVT Nathan Thacker from Greenbrier was killed on October 13 by a roadside bomb in Kirkuk, Iraq. Three other soldiers were injured, one seriously.

He had been in Iraq less than 2 weeks and was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division out of Fort Drum, NY.

Private Thacker's parents, Stephen and Darlene, remembered him as a son who felt obligated to serve his country. "He believed in doing his duty," his father said in an interview with the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. Although he was nervous about going to Iraq, his father noted that Nathan told him "'It's my job now, and I need to do it.' He was very duty conscious, a good boy."

Private Thacker attended Guy-Perkins High School in Guy, AR. Although he left school early, he received his general education development diploma last year. His former principal, David Westenhofer, recalled that he was one of the first students he met when he became principal. "He was just one you could count on to be in class and do his work. He was not disruptive. Citizenship was definitely a plus for him."

One of his teachers, Stacy Ralls, taught Nate, as they called him, in science classes. She told a local TV station that Private Thacker "liked to have fun, he always had a smile for you." She said that he was great at building friendships with a wide variety of other students. "It's not every kid you encounter, seems to have these qualities, he had those qualities." She felt that he died a hero and will miss him greatly.

His father has said that he will receive a full military-honor funeral in Greenbrier. Private Thacker was the third youngest of seven children.

SPECIALIST DAVID L. WATSON

Mr. President, Arkansas lost another great patriot when SPC David L. Watson of Newport, AR, died on September 22, 2007, in Baqubah, Iraq, from a non-combat accident in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Specialist Watson was a combat medic assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, based out of Fort Lewis, WA. His brigade deployed to Iraq in April 2007.

"He was an excellent student. He never complained, and he was easy to get along with," recalls Ruth Jones, a retired Tuckerman High School teacher of Specialist Watson's past.

Cathy Platt, a friend of Watson's, said, "Some go to Iraq because they have to, David went because he wanted to. [Watson's death] is a shock to the whole community."

These quotes give us great insight about a man held in the highest standards by all those who knew him. "He went to Iraq not to take lives, but to save them," said his wife Lisa. Pictures

of Watson and his family reflect his shining light of care, love, and devotion not only to his family but to everyone he met. His wife Lisa recalls, "David never met a stranger."

SPC David Watson is survived in Arkansas by his mother Linda Watson, of Newport; his wife Lisa Watson and two children, Dayton, 4, and Caelan, 8, also of Newport; two brothers, Bryant and Derek, of Tuckerman and Newport; two sisters, Christal Hill and Nikki Moore, of Conway and Little Rock; grandmother Ernestine Watson, of Tuckerman; grandparents O.C. and Velma Bobo, of Tuckerman; and father-and mother-in-law Johnny and Brenda Powell, both of Newport.

SPECIALIST DONOVAN D. WITHAM

Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of SPC Donovan D. Witham of Malvern, AR. Specialist Witham was killed by an improvised explosive device that detonated near his vehicle outside Baghdad, Iraq. The blast killed a second soldier, SSG Sandy R. Britt of Apopka, FL. Both men were assigned to the 1st Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division based in Fort Bragg, NC.

Specialist Witham graduated from Glen Rose High School in Malvern where he excelled in football and track. He was also active in other activities such as student council, choir, and the Drama Club.

When Specialist Witham joined the Army in November 2005, he became a military police officer and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne in that role. However, he soon took on the additional role of a paratrooper. His troop commander, MAJ Mark Lastoria, described Specialist Witham as a soldier who "represented everything good about our paratroopers. He was a volunteer amongst volunteers by not only becoming a military police officer, but also a paratrooper. He always strived to be the best at everything he did. He will be deeply missed and always remembered by those of us who had the honor to serve with him."

He was a decorated soldier who received the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the National Defense Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist's Medal.

At this time of mourning, our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Martha and Richard Lanius of Malvern, and three sisters, Amber Sharp and husband Steve of Magnolia; Jamie Witham of Benton; and Virginia Bennett of Magnolia. He is also survived by Julie DeBoer of Michigan, to whom his mother said he planned to propose marriage in December. The loss of this young man will be felt by us all.

SERGEANT MICHAEL YARBROUGH

Mr. President, I rise to honor a selfless soldier who gave his life in Iraq last month, Sgt Michael J. Yarbrough

of Malvern. On September 6, Sergeant Yarbrough was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq's Anbar Province. Also killed in the blast were SSgt John Stock, Cpl Bryan Scripsick, and Cpl Christopher Poole. The death of these four young men brought the total number of Marine deaths in Afghanistan and Iraq over 1,000. All four men were assigned to the 3rd Assault Amphibious Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force based at Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sergeant Yarbrough was also the second graduate of Glen Rose High School in Malvern killed in action within a month's time. Spc Donovan Witham, also of Malvern, died on August 21 from a roadside bomb near Baghdad. In an interview with the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, Glen Rose Middle School principal Tim Holicer somberly noted, "We are still grieving the loss of one, and here we have another one of our young men to be killed in Iraq. That's as hard on everybody around here as anything."

According to Sergeant Yarbrough's mother, Rhonda Fain-Yarbrough, her son wasn't scheduled to be in Iraq. He volunteered to return for a third tour after he heard that another soldier's wife was expecting a baby. "Michael didn't want to see him go, so he took his place." He told her that "as long as my men are there, I'm going to be there with them."

As the Yarbrough family and Malvern community grieve, we grieve with them. He will be remembered by those who loved him as a young man who was destined to be a soldier. "Ever since he was a little boy, he would march around with a stick on his shoulder, saying 'I'm going to be in the Army; Mom, I'm going to be in the Army,'" Mrs. Fain-Yarbrough told the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. True to his word, he enlisted after September 11, 2001.

For his efforts, Sergeant Yarbrough was awarded a Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, The National Defense Service Medal, and the Iraqi Campaign Medal, among others. He is survived by his wife Mary Ann Yarbrough; his mother Rhonda Fain-Yarbrough of Benton; and father Jerry Yarbrough of Gurdon. In addition, his grandmother Dolline Fain, and two sisters, Christy Smith of Arkadelphia and Misty Hutcheson of Traskwood, as well as their families will most certainly miss him. A grateful nation's thoughts and prayers go out to you at this difficult time.

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC, is currently considering the renewal of the California Department of Water Resources, DWR, license for the Oroville Facilities hydroelectric project in Butte County, CA.

DWR is exempt from paying State, local, or a Federal tax associated with

the Oroville Project and has not compensated Butte County for the services it provides for the project and its visitors. Butte County believes the relicensing is an opportunity to mitigate the county's revenue losses, which are estimated at nearly \$6.9 million per year.

FERC's Final Environmental Impact Statement also acknowledges that the Oroville Project has a negative fiscal impact on Butte County.

I have sent a letter to FERC asking that they consider efforts to mitigate Butte County's revenue loss and treat all parties equitably during the Oroville Project relicensing proceedings, and I ask unanimous consent to have text of this letter printed in the RECORD.

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

U.S. SENATE,
Washington, DC, December 13, 2007.
Chairman JOSEPH T. KELLIHER,
Commissioner SUEDEEN G. KELLY,
Commissioner PHILIP MOELLER,
Commissioner MARC SPITZER,
Commissioner JOHN WELLINGHOFF,
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN KELLIHER AND COMMISSIONERS: I am writing in regards to the relicensing proceedings for the Oroville Facilities hydroelectric project (Project P-2100) currently before the Commission. As you know, Butte County is required to provide services associated with the Oroville Facilities Project and its visitors, including law enforcement, fire and rescue, and road maintenance services.

The Commission's Final Environmental Impact Statement acknowledges the negative net fiscal impact the Oroville Facilities Project may impose on Butte County. As you prepare your final decision regarding the relicensing, I encourage you to consider efforts to mitigate the County's revenue loss. I am hopeful that all parties involved with the relicensing of the Oroville Facilities will be regarded equitably. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

DIANNE FEINSTEIN,
U.S. Senator.

THE MATTHEW SHEPARD ACT OF 2007

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I wish to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. Each Congress, Senator KENNEDY and I introduce hate crimes legislation that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society. Likewise, each Congress I have come to the floor to highlight a separate hate crime that has occurred in our country.

Steven Domer, an Oklahoma City, OK, resident, went missing on October 26, 2007. The following day, police found his torched car and his body was found in a nearby ravine days later. On November 7, 2007, Darrell Madden was arrested for the shooting death of his friend Bradley Qualls. Both men were seen with the 62-year-old Domer the

day of his disappearance and are believed to have been involved in his murder. Madden has been charged with murder for allegedly strangling Domer to death. Investigations have uncovered that Madden was a sergeant in a White supremacist group and targeted Domer because he was gay. Domer's murder was allegedly a rite of passage for Qualls to rise to the next level within the organization. The district attorney prosecuting the case will present evidence to prove that Domer was targeted because he was gay. Oklahoma is one of seventeen States whose hate crime laws do not cover those targeted based on sexual orientation.

I believe that the Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Matthew Shepard Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

LAUNCH OF USASPENDING.GOV

Mr. OBAMA. Mr. President, I am very pleased to celebrate today's launch of USA Spending.gov. This is an important day, an important milestone on the path to greater openness and transparency in the Federal Government. This site helps us to achieve a very simple and powerful vision: a vision that, in a democracy, the people ought to know what their Government is doing: how the Government is raising and spending money, how it is making and enforcing law, how it is supporting projects, how decisions are being made, and how results are being evaluated.

It is not a Democratic vision or a Republican vision. It is a commonsense vision of Government transparency and accessibility. It is a vision that rejects the idea that Government actions and decisions should be kept secret or classified. It is a vision that believes that information is at the heart of democracy and that we all must resist the dangerous trend of withholding or classifying or burying information that the American people have a right to know and need to know if they are to hold their leaders accountable.

I have been very troubled by the extent to which America has become a nation of government secrets. More and more information is kept secret or made intolerably complicated and inaccessible. More and more decisions are made behind closed doors with access limited to insiders and lobbyists.

USA Spending.gov along with watchdog groups will give us all tools to help buck that trend. It will help by opening Government processes up to public view. It will provide a window into the Federal budget so all Americans can see how their tax dollars are being spent—how their Nation's resources are being used and obligated, where money is going as well as where it is not going. We will be able to see which grantees and contractors are receiving