

for Internal Revenue Service tax enforcement.

As a result, for fiscal year 2008, I am revising both the discretionary spending limits and the allocation to the Senate Appropriations Committee for discretionary budget authority and outlays. The amount of the adjustment

is \$1,042 million in budget authority and \$699 million in outlays. The revised discretionary limits and allocations for discretionary budget authority and outlays are the appropriate levels to be used for enforcement during consideration of the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bills.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008—S. CON. RES. 21; REVISIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 207(c) TO THE ALLOCATION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAYS TO THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE SECTION 207(b) SENATE DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS**

[In millions of dollars]

	Initial allocation/limit	Adjustment	Revised allocation/limit
FY 2008 Discretionary Budget Authority	953,053	1,042	954,095
FY 2008 Outlays	1,028,398	699	1,029,097

**SAFE NURSING AND PATIENT CARE ACT**

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, every American who has ever visited a hospital knows that nurses are on the front lines of our health care system. Our Nation's nurses treat patients, work with doctors, and perform complex duties critical to providing care to all patients. For these reasons, I am joining Senator KENNEDY in introducing the Safe Nursing and Patient Care Act. I have done so for the last three sessions of Congress and will continue to do so until this vital legislation is enacted.

At the heart of the bill is the belief that nurses should not be forced to work beyond their ability to offer exemplary care to patients. Mandatory overtime requires nurses, given very short notice to work excessive hours in our hospitals and other institutions that provide health care services. Nurses are left with no recourse when mandatory overtime is applied. They continue treating patients, despite fatigue in many instances, impacting the delivery of care to patients. It is time that we answer the call made by nurses from across the Nation to immediately address this issue.

Individual States have begun to respond to this call. Massachusetts is one of several States seeking to tackle adverse nursing conditions and curb requirements of mandatory overtime for its nurses. This bill would give nurses the necessary tools to continue putting patient care first by prohibiting mandatory overtime and providing protections if nurses report cases of it happening. Each year, 98,000 deaths are attributed to medical errors, and so addressing this issue is critical to the safety of our patients and the well-being of our nurses.

The Safe Nursing and Patient Act is the first step toward addressing important issues in our Nation's health care system. Our legislation offers support and protections to nurses. It is time that Congress act to create a healthy and safe work environment for nurses so that they can continue to create healthy environments for patients.

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today 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.

On July 21, 2007, in Hoboken, NJ, two men assaulted a gay couple near a well-known nightclub. They knock the two victims to the ground, beat them, and shouted antigay slurs. After noticing the attack, a bouncer at a nearby nightclub chased the two men down the street and held them until police arrived. The attackers now face charges of assault and bias intimidation. Police Captain Anthony Romano confirmed for reporters that the attackers hit the two men because they were gay.

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.

**HONORING FREDERICK "TIM" MCCLINTOCK**

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I wish to honor one of the Senate's own, a man who went above and beyond the call of duty to save another's life.

Frederick "Tim" McClintock has been a fixture in the Senate for over 30 years. He is a skilled carpenter and a familiar face in the Senate.

He has come to my office on numerous occasions to perform various tasks. He does his job well and is always ready with a smile and a kind word.

Yet, on Friday, July 6, 2007, Tim McClintock was confronted with a terrible scene, well outside the routine of the Senate.

As he headed home at the end of the day, he noticed a man laying face down in the reflecting pool in Lower Senate Park. Without hesitation, Tim McClintock came to his aid. He turned the man over and performed CPR until he was resuscitated. Then with the assistance of a Capitol Police officer, he pulled the man out of the water.

That afternoon, Tim McClintock selflessly and courageously saved a man from drowning.

I ask unanimous consent to have the following revisions to S. Con. Res. 21 printed in the RECORD.

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

He would deny that he is a hero.

He was quoted in Roll Call newspaper as saying, "A hero is someone who risks their own well-being or life. The worst that was going to happen to me is that my feet would get wet."

His modesty is astounding.

The fact is that acts of compassion and bravery such as these display the true character of a man.

On that day, Tim McClintock demonstrated quick thinking, resourcefulness, bravery, and, above all, compassion and humanity for a stranger. The brave actions that Friday afternoon, as many others rushed home eager to start the weekend, were the actions of a true hero.

So, on behalf of the Senate, I commend the heroism of Frederick "Tim" McClintock, who on July 6, 2007, demonstrated the principles of kindness, bravery, and compassion that we value so much.

**TRIBUTE TO SENATOR THOMAS**

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that an Albert Caswell tribute entitled "The Promise of Thomas" be printed in the RECORD.

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

**THE PROMISE OF THOMAS**

The promise of Thomas  
Wyo, Craig Thomas, Cowboys and The Marines

Are some of the greatest dam things, this our country has ever seen

Walk soft,  
But, carry a big heart . . . A straight shooter, The Promise of Thomas  
Surely, this was Craig's greatest of parts . . . as what his life so surely means

A cowboy, from the great wide west  
A hero who worn the uniform, A Marine . . . one of America's Best

Then, upon House and Senate floors . . . as a legislator . . . his state and country he'd bless

He was so kind, and ever so cool . . .  
He was nobody's patsy nor anybody's fool, following The Golden Rule

Understated, not complicated . . . just the way God created, a beautiful calm western scene

A Father and a Friend,  
A Devoted and Loving Husband . . .  
As has been this life of a patriot, time and again . . .

A man of the land,

For nature and wildlife he'd take a stand  
 Like a beautiful Yellow Stone sunset . . . as  
 was so this man  
 A leader of woman and man,  
 A quiet, and classy kind of guy . . . like a  
 Gary Cooper he'd stride . . .  
 Making many a fan, under control, a  
 thoughtful soul, as wherever you'd find  
 honor . . . he'd stand  
 For he was as real as it gets,  
 The happiest, when in his cowboy boots and  
 hat, in his jeans and belt buckle . . .  
 heading for home on a jet  
 Yea, you my fine son . . . Craig . . . you were  
 quite the one . . . we will never forget  
 About a week before you died,  
 Meeting inside, how you stopped to provide a  
 warm moment still yet . . .  
 What does that say, about a man on death's  
 way . . . nothing but greatness, yea  
 you conveyed!  
 Now Marine, this is your life's final scene,  
 High and Tight, with our Lord up in Heaven  
 . . . ready to fight . . .  
 As an Angel in The Army of Our Lord, on  
 this night  
 In Yellow Stone, when on a quiet night all  
 alone . . .  
 As the river runs through you in tone, and  
 the wind in the branches to all heart so  
 moans . . .  
 All in serenity, and in peace, among our  
 Lord's beautiful beasts . . . you'll find  
 Craig there at home! What to our  
 world, such promises unfurled . . . do  
 we so leave behind?

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### HONORING WARREN HERRON

• Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I wish to honor in the RECORD of the Senate my friend Warren Herron, who is a great Georgian, a great American, and a great citizen of Cobb County.

Warren Herron was the most important positive influence on my decision to enter public life. His active political participation and bipartisan approach is the role model I aspire to emulate to this day. He has given unselfishly of himself to make his community better through his work, his church and the Republican Party.

Warren was the first chairman of the Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration when it was created in 1985. As chairman, a post he held until January 1993, he shaped the organization through the creation of its policies and bylaws. He was known as a guiding force who led his team to a higher level by example, and his contributions can still be seen in the board today.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure and it is a privilege to recognize on the floor of the Senate the contributions of Warren Herron to Cobb County and the State of Georgia.●

##### RECOGNIZING WALL, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Wall, S.D. The town of Wall will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding this year.

Wall, located in Pennington County, has a rich history of hospitality towards visitors. It was here in 1931 that the world famous Wall Drug Store began handing out free ice water to travelers during the height of the Depression. Today, Wall Drug attracts over a million people each year. Despite the large number of visitors, the same generosity that first attracted people to the town back in 1931 can still be found today.

The Wall community is a fine example of what makes South Dakota such a great place to live and work. As they celebrate this milestone anniversary, I am confident that Wall will continue to thrive and succeed for the next 100 years.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Wall on their 100th anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

##### RECOGNIZING MEADOW, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Meadow, SD. The town of Meadow will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding this year.

Meadow, located in Perkins County, was founded in 1907. Since its beginning, Meadow has been a strong reflection of South Dakota's values and traditions. As they celebrate this milestone anniversary, I am confident that Meadow will continue to thrive and succeed for the next 100 years.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Meadow on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

##### RECOGNIZING KAYLOR, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Kaylor, SD. The town of Kaylor will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding this year.

Kaylor, located in Hutchinson County, was founded in 1907. Since its beginning, Kaylor has been a strong reflection of South Dakota's values and traditions. As they celebrate this milestone anniversary, I am confident that Kaylor will continue to thrive and succeed for the next 100 years.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Kaylor on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

##### RECOGNIZING INTERIOR, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Interior, SD. The town of Interior will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding this year.

Interior, located in Jackson County, was founded in 1907. Since its begin-

ning, Interior has been a strong reflection of South Dakota's values and traditions. As they celebrate this milestone anniversary, I am confident that Interior will continue to thrive and succeed for the next 100 years.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Interior on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3043. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 955(b) note), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Council on the Arts: Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3043. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 479. A bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans (Rept. No. 110-132).

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1844. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to make technical corrections to the new border tunnels and passages of fence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1845. A bill to provide for limitations in certain communications between the Department of Justice and the White House Office relating to civil and criminal investigations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 1846. A bill to improve defense cooperation between the Republic of Korea and the