

complex. Well, let me tell you something. If he was worried about the military industrial complex and the influence they have in distorting national priorities in this country in 1961, I can only imagine what he would think about the power of the military industrial complex today.

So, Mr. President, clearly we want to have a very strong defense, clearly we want to make sure our soldiers have all of the equipment they need, but we have to take a hard look at the Defense Department, as we do at every other agency of Government, and I would hope very much that the amendment Senators FEINGOLD, WHITEHOUSE, and I have offered will, in fact, be accepted.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to recognize the fourth Honor Flight from Kentucky that took place this week. Honor Flight is a nonprofit organization which transports surviving World War II veterans from around the country to see their memorial free of charge. I have been privileged to have participated in previous flights from Kentucky, and I very much regret that my schedule prevented me from attending this one. I hope to have the opportunity to meet again soon with the inspiring veterans from my home state on future Honor Flight trips.

On Wednesday, Honor Flight's Bluegrass Chapter arrived in Washington with 38 World War II veterans from the Commonwealth to see the memorial which they inspired. These brave Americans also paid tribute to one of their fellow Kentuckians who gave his last full measure of devotion in March 1945. 2LT Howard Clifton Enoch, Jr., of Marion, Kentucky, paid the ultimate sacrifice while engaging with enemy aircraft over Germany.

Earlier this year, the Department of Defense honored its promise to account for every one of its men and women, and, more than 60 years later, the remains of Second Lieutenant Enoch were repatriated. He will find his final resting place among other American heroes at Arlington National Cemetery later this month. The son of Lieutenant Enoch, Mr. Howard Enoch III, traveled with the veterans from Kentucky to honor his father, who he never knew. I would like to convey my deepest appreciation to Mr. Enoch for his father's service and to his family for their sacrifice.

I also wish to express my tremendous gratitude to the 38 Kentucky veterans who were here on Wednesday for having served to protect our great Nation's principles from the enemies of freedom. The inscription on the western corner of their monument—a quote by President Harry S. Truman—perhaps best puts into words those sentiments:

Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can

never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifice.

Indeed, our Nation will never forget their bravery or their sacrifice as it lives on today in the men and women of our armed services who display the same honor and continue to defend the same principles.

I ask unanimous consent that the names of the 38 World War II veterans from the Commonwealth be printed in the RECORD.

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

IN MEMORY OF

Howard Clifton Enoch, Jr.

WORLD WAR II VETERANS

George Arflack; William Atkinson; Harold Ausmus; Ruben Avila; Fredrick Balke; John Beyer; Hubert Wessel; Lorell Roberts; James Smith; Harlan Barton; Raymond Bloemer, Sr.; John Blossom; Fred Bryan; Phillip Chapelle; Eugene Thurman; John Bruggensmith; Leslie Cohen; Clarence Crawford; James "Art" Cutliff.

Wayne Tabor; Herman Sasse; Charles Devers; Henry "Don" Donaldson; Matthew Flanagan; Robert Carrico; Robert Hall; Edward Jackey; Clyde Logsdon; Leonard O'Dell; Edward Oechsli; Bernard O'Hare; John O'Keefe; Blond Puckett; Leslie "Dan" Stickler; Charles Tribble; Ernest Spencer; Harold Phillips; Joseph Riney.

BUDGET SCOREKEEPING REPORTS

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise to submit to the Senate the second set of budget scorekeeping reports for the 2009 budget resolution. The reports, which cover fiscal years 2008 and 2009, were prepared by the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 308(b) and in aid of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended.

The reports show the effects of congressional action through September 8, 2008, and include legislation that was enacted since I filed my last reports in July. The new legislation includes: Public Law 110-275, the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008; Public Law 110-287, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; Public Law 110-289, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008; and Public Law 110-315, the Higher Education Opportunity Act. The estimates of budget authority, outlays, and revenues are consistent with the technical and economic assumptions of S. Con. Res. 70, the 2009 budget resolution.

For 2008, the estimates show that current level spending is below the budget resolution by \$5.2 billion for budget authority and \$2.4 billion for outlays while current level revenues are above the budget resolution by \$3 billion. For 2009, the estimates show that current level spending is below

the budget resolution by \$958 billion for budget authority and \$591.1 billion for outlays while current level revenues are above the budget resolution level by \$56.7 billion.

I ask unanimous consent that the letters and accompanying tables from CBO be printed in the RECORD.

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

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 11, 2008.

Hon. KENT CONRAD,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The enclosed report shows the effects of Congressional action on the fiscal year 2008 budget and is current through September 8, 2008. This report is submitted under section 308(b) and in aid of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, as amended.

The estimates of budget authority, outlays, and revenues are consistent with the technical and economic assumptions of S. Con. Res. 70, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009, as approved by the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to section 204(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, provisions designated as emergency requirements are exempt from enforcement of the budget resolution. As a result, the enclosed current level report excludes these amounts (see footnote 2 of Table 2 of the report).

Since my last letter, dated July 9, 2008, the Congress has cleared and the President has signed the following acts that affect budget authority, outlays, or revenues for fiscal year 2008:

Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-275);

Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-289); and

Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315).

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. SUNSHINE
(For Peter R. Orszag, Director).

Enclosure.

TABLE 1.—SENATE CURRENT LEVEL REPORT FOR SPENDING AND REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008, AS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

(In billions of dollars)			
	Budget resolution ¹	Current level ²	Current level over/under (–) resolution
ON-BUDGET			
Budget Authority	2,456.2	2,451.0	–5.2
Outlays	2,437.8	2,435.3	–2.4
Revenues	1,875.4	1,878.4	3.0
OFF-BUDGET			
Social Security Outlays ³	463.7	463.7	0.0
Social Security Revenues	666.7	666.7	0.0

¹ S. Con. Res. 70, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009, assumed \$108.1 billion in budget authority and \$28.9 billion in outlays for overseas deployment and related activities. The Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (P.L. 110-352) designated funding for these activities as an emergency requirement, pursuant to section 204(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008. Such emergency amounts are exempt from the enforcement of S. Con. Res. 70. Since current level totals exclude the emergency requirements enacted in P.L. 110-252 (see footnote 2 of table 2), budget authority and outlay totals specified in S. Con. Res. 70 have also been reduced for purposes of comparison.

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

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

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

TABLE 2.—SUPPORTING DETAIL FOR THE CURRENT LEVEL REPORT FOR ON-BUDGET SPENDING AND REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008, AS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
Previously Enacted: ¹			
Revenues	n.a.	n.a.	1,879,400
Permanents and other spending legislation	1,441,010	1,394,887	n.a.
Appropriation legislation	1,604,649	1,635,118	n.a.
Offsetting receipts	—596,805	—596,805	n.a.
Total, Previously enacted	2,448,854	2,433,200	1,879,400
Enacted this session:			
Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (P.L. 110–252) ²	0	7	0
Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–275)	1,942	1,924	1
Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–289) ²	203	203	—968
Higher Education Opportunity Act (P.L. 110–315)	—10	0	0
Total Current Level ^{1,2}	2,135	2,134	—967
Total Budget Resolution ⁴	2,450,989	2,435,334	1,878,433
Adjustment to the budget resolution for emergency requirements ⁵	2,564,237	2,466,678	1,875,401
Adjusted Budget Resolution	—108,056	—28,901	n.a.
Current Level Over Budget Resolution	2,456,181	2,437,777	1,875,401
Current Level Under Budget Resolution	n.a.	n.a.	3,032
	5,192	2,443	n.a.

¹ Includes the following acts that affect budget authority, outlays, or revenues, and were cleared by the Congress during this session, but before the adoption of S. Con. Res. 70, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009: National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (P.L. 110–181), Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–185), Andean Trade Preference Extension Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–191), Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–227), Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–229), Strategic Petroleum Reserve Fill Suspension and Consumer Protection Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–232), Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–234), SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–244), and Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–245).

² Pursuant to section 204(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008, provisions designated as emergency requirements are exempt from enforcement of the budget resolution. The amounts so designated for Fiscal Year 2008, which are not included in the current level total, are as follows:

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (P.L. 110–252)	115,808	35,350	n.a.
Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–289)	4,106	187	n.a.
	119,914	35,537	n.a.

³ For purposes of enforcing section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act in the Senate, the budget resolution does not include budget authority, outlays, or revenues for off-budget amounts. As a result, current level excludes these items.

⁴ Periodically, the Senate Committee on the Budget revises the totals in S. Con. Res. 70, pursuant to various provisions of the resolution:

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
Original Budget Resolution	2,563,262	2,465,711	1,875,392
Revisions:			
For the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Fill Suspension and Consumer Protection Act of 2008 (SPR Act) (section 323(d))	—950	—950	0
For the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 (Heroes Act) (section 323(d))	0	0	8
For adjustment to debt service for the SPR and Heroes acts (section 323 (d))	—7	—7	0
For the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (sections 221(f) and 227)	1,942	1,924	1
For the Higher Education Opportunity Act (section 222)	—10	0	0
Revised Budget Resolution	2,564,237	2,466,678	1,875,401

⁵ S. Con. Res. 70 assumed \$108,056 million in budget authority and \$28,901 million in outlays for overseas deployment and related activities. The Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (P.L. 110–252) designated funding for these activities as an emergency requirement, pursuant to section 204(a) of S. Con. Res. 21. Such emergency amounts are exempt from the enforcement of S. Con. Res. 70. Since current level totals exclude the emergency requirements enacted in P.L. 110–252 (see footnote 2), budget authority and outlay totals specified in S. Con. Res. 70 have been reduced for purposes of comparison.

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

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

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DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The enclosed report shows the effects of Congressional action on the fiscal year 2009 budget and is current through September 8, 2008. This report is submitted under section 308(b) and in aid of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, as amended.

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Pursuant to section 204(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, provisions designated as emergency requirements are exempt from enforcement of the budget resolution. As a result, the enclosed current level report excludes these amounts (see footnote 2 of Table 2 of the report).

Since my last letter, dated July 9, 2008, the Congress has cleared and the President has

signed the following acts that affect budget authority, outlays, or revenues for fiscal year 2009:

Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–275);
A joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 (Public Law 110–287);
Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–289); and
Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110–315).

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. SUNSHINE

(For Peter R. Orszag, Director).

Enclosure.

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[In billions of dollars]

	Budget resolution ¹	Current level ²	Current level over/under (–) resolution
ON-BUDGET			
Budget Authority	2,462.5	1,504.5	—958.0
Outlays	2,497.3	1,906.2	—591.1
Revenues	2,029.7	2,086.4	56.7

TABLE 1.—SENATE CURRENT LEVEL REPORT FOR SPENDING AND REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009, AS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2008—Continued

[In billions of dollars]

	Budget resolution ¹	Current level ²	Current level over/under (–) resolution
OFF-BUDGET			
Social Security Outlays ³	493.6	493.6	0.0
Social Security Revenues	695.9	695.9	0.0

¹ S. Con. Res. 70, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009, assumed \$70.0 billion in budget authority and \$74.8 billion in outlays for overseas deployment and related activities. Additionally, S. Con. Res. 70 assumed \$5.8 billion in budget authority and \$1.2 billion in outlays for the Corps of Engineers. The Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (P.L. 110–252) designated funding for these activities as an emergency requirement, pursuant to section 204(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008. Such emergency amounts are exempt from the enforcement of S. Con. Res. 70. Since current level totals exclude the emergency requirements enacted in P.L. 110–252 (see footnote 2 of table 2), budget authority and outlay totals specified in S. Con. Res. 70 have also been reduced for purposes of comparison.

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

³ Excludes administrative expenses of the Social Security Administration, which are off-budget, but are appropriated annually.
Source: Congressional Budget Office.

TABLE 2.—SUPPORTING DETAIL FOR THE CURRENT LEVEL REPORT FOR ON-BUDGET SPENDING AND REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009, AS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
Previously Enacted ¹ :			
Revenues	n.a.	n.a.	2,097,399
Permanents and other spending legislation	1,440,235	1,392,509	n.a.
Appropriation legislation	0	471,616	n.a.
Offsetting receipts	—587,749	—587,749	n.a.
Total, Previously enacted	852,486	1,276,376	2,097,399

TABLE 2.—SUPPORTING DETAIL FOR THE CURRENT LEVEL REPORT FOR ON-BUDGET SPENDING AND REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009, AS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2008—Continued

(In millions of dollars)

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
Enacted this session:			
Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (P.L. 110–252) ²	0	23	0
Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–275)	6,633	6,516	9
A joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 (P.L. 110–287)	0	0	–2
Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–289) ²	24,966	24,715	–11,037
Higher Education Opportunity Act (P.L. 110–315)	–9	–114	0
Total, Enacted this session	31,590	31,140	–11,030
Entitlements and mandates:			
Budget resolution estimates of appropriated entitlements and other mandatory programs	620,449	598,715	0
Total Current Level ^{2,3}	1,504,525	1,906,231	2,086,369
Total Budget Resolution ⁴	2,538,292	2,573,270	2,029,653
Adjustment to the budget resolution for emergency requirements ⁵	–70,000	–74,809	n.a.
Adjustment to the budget resolution for emergency requirements ⁵	–5,761	–1,152	n.a.
Adjusted Budget Resolution	2,462,531	2,497,309	2,029,653
Current Level Over Budget Resolution	n.a.	n.a.	56,716
Current Level Under Budget Resolution	958,006	591,078	n.a.

¹ Includes the following acts that affect budget authority, outlays, or revenues, and were cleared by the Congress during this session, but before the adoption of S. Con. Res. 70, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009: National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (P.L. 110–181), Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–185), Andean Trade Preference Extension Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–191), Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–227), Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–229), Strategic Petroleum Reserve Fill Suspension and Consumer Protection Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–232), Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–233), Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–234), SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–244), and Heroes Earning Assistance and Relief Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–245).

² Pursuant to section 204(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008, provisions designated as emergency requirements are exempt from enforcement of the budget resolution. The amounts so designated for fiscal year 2009, which are not included in the current level total, are as follows:

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (P.L. 110–252)	85,155	87,211	27
Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–289)	7	928	n.a.
Total, Amounts designated as emergency	85,162	88,139	27

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⁴ Periodically, the Senate Committee on the Budget revises the totals in S. Con. Res. 70, pursuant to various provisions of the resolution:

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
Original Budget Resolution	2,530,703	2,565,903	2,029,612
Revisions:			
For the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Fill Suspension and Consumer Protection Act of 2008 (SPR Act) (section 323(d))	950	950	0
For the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 (Heroes Act) (section 323(d))	28	28	32
For adjustment to debt service for the SPR and Heroes acts (section 323(d))	–13	–13	0
For the Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (sections 221(f) and 227)	6,633	6,516	9
For the Higher Education Opportunity Act (section 222)	–9	–114	0
Revised Budget Resolution	2,538,292	2,573,270	2,029,653

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HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

STAFF SERGEANT KENNETH W. MAYNE

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and heroic service of SSG Kenneth W. Mayne. Staff Sergeant Mayne, a member of the 4th Infantry Division, was killed in a neighborhood outside of Baghdad on September 4, 2008, when a roadside bomb struck his vehicle. He was 29 years old.

A graduate of Arvada West High School in Colorado, Staff Sergeant Mayne enlisted in the Army in 1997 at the age of 18. According to his mother, Michelle, he immediately took to the discipline and dedication to duty that defines the life of an American soldier. He chose to make service to country his career.

He was first deployed to Iraq in 2003 with the 101st Airborne, and spent a year there in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Later, Staff Sergeant Mayne transferred to the 4th Infantry Division in Fort Hood, TX, because the division was scheduled to be moved to Fort Carson, CO, following its deployment to Iraq in March 2008. He loved Colorado and wanted to go home to be close to his family. Following his discharge, he intended to become a history teacher.

Those who knew Kenneth described him as brave, as dedicated to his men, and as possessing a great empathy for

the children of Iraq. During his patrols in Sadr City, one of the poorest and most volatile neighborhoods in the country, Kenneth distributed toys, soccer balls, and coloring books to Iraqi children that his mother had sent from home. Concerned about their health, he worked with his men to get fresh water into local schools and to clean up sewage so that children had a clean place to play. He believed in the work he was doing because he could see the difference he was making in people's lives.

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote that, “to share often and much . . . to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”

For all the Iraqi children who are better off, for all the neighborhoods that are safer, for all those whose image of America has been transformed, Staff Sergeant Mayne has succeeded. Staff Sergeant Mayne embodied an America that reaches out to those in need, an America brimming with kindness and compassion, an America that “shares often and much.”

For all this, and for his tireless service to his country, Sergeant Mayne has the eternal gratitude of his nation.

To Kenneth's mother Michelle, his father, his stepfather Dan, his sisters Christina and Jennifer, his brother Danny, and all his friends and family, I cannot imagine the sorrow you must be

feeling. I hope that, in time, the pain of your loss is assuaged by your pride in Kenneth's service to his country and by your knowledge that his country will never forget him. We are humbled by his service and his sacrifice.

TAX POLICY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, after I spoke about small business tax issues yesterday, Senators SANDERS and DURBIN responded. I would like to thank my friends from Vermont and Illinois for engaging in the important debate of the future of tax policy for our country last night. The upcoming congressional and Presidential elections will have a big impact on tax issues, so these issues should be debated here in the world's most deliberative body. In response to the comments of my friends from Vermont and Illinois, I would like to raise a few brief points.

First, the 2001 and 2003 tax relief bills were not and are not the “Bush tax cuts.” These bills were crafted in a bipartisan manner. In fact, one-fourth of the Democratic Caucus voted for the 2001 tax relief.

I will be discussing middle income tax relief in a separate speech shortly. However, there's no question the legislation criticized by my two friends improved the progressivity of the Tax Code and cut taxes for middle income