- 13. Was Christmas Day chosen for attack by al Qaeda for symbolic value?
- 14. What connections exist between the radical cleric al Aulaqi and the Christmas Day, Fort Hood, and Arkansas attacks—as well as other terrorist plots last year?
- 15. How many former Guantanamo detainees have returned to terrorism?
- 16. Has the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) report on detainee recidivism been revised upward? If so, when will this report be released publicly? Has the president seen the updated report?
- 17. In a recent op-ed in The Washington Post, Professor Bruce Hoffman, a respected professor of security studies at Georgetown University and a senior fellow at the U.S. Military Academy's Combating Terrorism Center, wrote, "During the past 18 months, American and British intelligence officials have said, well over 100 individuals from such countries have graduated from terrorist training camps in Pakistan and have been sent West to undertake terrorist operations." Is this assessment low or high?
- 18. Does al Qaeda monitor congressional hearings or think tank publications relating to U.S. counterterrorism strategy?
- 19. What are the primary strategies al Qaeda uses to recruit Westerners? Which strategies have been most successful?
- I would appreciate a response to these questions as soon as possible. The answers to these questions will be critical in helping Congress play an active and participatory role in working with the administration on counterterrorism matters. This can only happen, however, if the legislative branch—including the minority party—is included in this process.

I look forward to your response. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff member, Thomas Culligan, at 202-225-5136 if I can be of assistance.

Best wishes. Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,
Member of Congress.

STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT LEVELS OF ON-BUDGET SPEND-ING AND REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2009 AND 2010 AND THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FY 2010 THROUGH FY 2014

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, I am transmitting a status report on the current levels of on-budget spending and revenues for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 and for the five-year period of fiscal years 2010 through 2014. This report is necessary to facilitate the application of sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act and sections 424 and 427 of S. Con. Res. 13, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010.

The term "current level" refers to the amounts of spending and revenues estimated for each fiscal year based on laws enacted or awaiting the President's signature.

The first table in the report compares the current levels of total budget authority, outlays, and revenues with the aggregate levels set by S. Con. Res. 13. This comparison is needed to enforce section 311(a) of the Budget Act, which establishes a point of order against any measure that would breach the budget resolution's aggregate levels.

The second table compares the current levels of budget authority and outlays for each authorizing committee with the section 302(a) allocations made under S. Con. Res. 13 for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 and fiscal years 2010 through 2014. This comparison is needed to enforce section 302(f) of the Budget Act, which establishes a point of order against any measure that would breach the section 302(a) discretionary action allocation of new budget authority for the committee that reported the

The third table compares the current levels of discretionary appropriations for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 with the section 302(a) allocation of discretionary budget authority and outlays to the Appropriations Committee. This comparison is needed to enforce section 302(f) of the Budget Act, which establishes a point of order against any measure that would breach section 302(b) sub-allocations within the Appropriations Committee.

The fourth table gives the current level for fiscal years 2011 and 2012 for accounts identified for advance appropriations under section 424 of S. Con. Res. 13. This list is needed to enforce section 424 of the budget resolution, which establishes a point of order against appropriations bills that include advance appro-

priations that: (1) are not identified in the joint statement of managers; or (2) would cause the aggregate amount of such appropriations to exceed the level specified in the resolution.

REPORT TO THE SPEAKER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET—STATUS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 CON-GRESSIONAL BUDGET ADOPTED IN S. CON. RES. 13

[Reflecting action completed as of January 5, 2010—On-budget amounts, in millions of dollars]

		Fiscal years	
	2009 1	2010 2	2010-2014
Appropriate Level:			
Budget Authority	3,668,601	2,882,149	n.a.
Outlays	3.357.164	3.001.027	n.a.
Revenues	1.532.579	1.653.728	10.500.149
Current Level:	-,,	-,,	,,-
Budget Authority	3.670.974	2.869.949	n.a.
Outlays	3,364,358	3.012.314	n.a.
Revenues	1.532.579	1,633,383	11.271.543
Current Level over (+)/	1,002,070	1,000,000	11,271,010
under (–) Appropriate			
Level:			
Budget Authority	2.373	-12.200	n.a.
Outlays	7.194	11.287	n.a.
Revenues	7,134	- 20.345	771.394
MCVCHGC3	U	20,040	771,004

n.a. = Not applicable because annual appropriations Acts for fiscal years 2010 through 2013 will not be considered until future sessions of Congress. 1 Notes for 2009: Current resolution aggregates exclude \$7,150 million in budget authority and \$1,788 million in outlays that was included in the budget resolution as a placeholder to recognize the potential costs of major disasters.

disasters.

2 Notes for 2010: Current resolution aggregates exclude \$10,350 million in budget authority and \$5,488 million in outlays that was included in the budget resolution as a placeholder to recognize the potential costs of major disasters.

BUDGET AUTHORITY

Enactment of measures providing new budget authority for FY 2010 in excess of \$12,200 million (if not already included in the current level estimate) would cause FY 2010 budget authority to exceed the appropriate level set by S. Con. Res. 13.

OUTLAYS

Outlays for FY 2010 are above the appropriate levels set by S. Con. Res. 13.

REVENUES

Enactment of measures resulting in revenue reduction for FY 2010 excess of \$20,345 million (if not already included in the current level estimate) would cause revenues to fall below the appropriate levels set by S. Con. Res. 13.

Enactment of measures resulting in revenue reduction for the period of fiscal years 2010 through 2014 in excess of \$771,394 million (if not already included in the current level estimate) would cause revenues to fall below the appropriate levels set by S. Con. Res. 13.

DIRECT SPENDING LEGISLATION—COMPARISON OF CURRENT LEVEL WITH AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATIONS FOR RESOLUTION CHANGES, REFLECTING ACTION COMPLETED AS OF JANUARY 5, 2010

[Fiscal years, in millions of dollars]

House Committee		2009		2010		1 Total
House Committee	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Agriculture:						
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Level	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armed Services:						
Allocation	0	0	0	0	35	35
Current Level	0	0	8	8	278	251
Difference	0	0	8	8	243	216
Education and Labor:						
Allocation	-187	-202	32	36	-812	-801
Current Level	-187	-202	32	36	188	199
Difference	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
Energy and Commerce:						
Allocation	11	2	10	13	-10	-2
Current Level	11	2	10	-337	-10	-2
Difference	0	0	0	-350	0	0
Financial Services:						
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Level	- 564	3,226	318	11,346	527	8.061
_ Difference	- 564	3,226	318	11.346	527	8.061
Foreign Affairs:		.,		,		.,
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Level	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō
Difference	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō
Homeland Security:						
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Level	Ŏ	Ŏ	Õ	Ö	Ö	Ö

DIRECT SPENDING LEGISLATION—COMPARISON OF CURRENT LEVEL WITH AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATIONS FOR RESOLUTION CHANGES, REFLECTING ACTION COMPLETED AS OF JANUARY 5, 2010—Continued

[Fiscal years, in millions of dollars]

House Committee	2009		2010		2010-2014 Total	
House Committee -	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Difference	0	0	0	0	0	0
House Administration:						
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Level	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	0	0	0	0	0	
Judiciary:						
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	
Current Level	0	5	-1	64	-71	-6
Difference	0	5	-1	64	-71	-6
Natural Resources:						
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Level	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ö	Ö
Oversight and Government Reform:						
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Level	0	Ō	0	Ō	Ō	Ō
Difference	Ö	Ŏ	Õ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Õ
Science and Technology:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Level	0	Ô	Õ	Ŏ	Ô	Õ
Difference	Õ	Ŏ	Õ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ
Small Business:	•	·	•	·	·	·
Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Level	ñ	ñ	ñ	ň	ñ	ň
Difference	ő	Ď	Õ	ň	ŏ	ő
Transportation and Infrastructure:	· ·	v	· ·	•	·	Ū
Allocation	0	0	13.085	0	68,669	0
Current Level	ň	ň	180	ň	900	ň
Difference	Ů	Ů	-12,905	ň	- 67.769	ň
Veterans' Affairs:	U	U	12,303	U	07,703	U
Allocation	0	0	Λ	0	0	0
Current Level	0	0	Ů	ň	ň	ň
Difference	0	0	0	ň	0	0
Ways and Means:	U	U	U	U	U	U
Allocation	0	0	5.600	5.600	35,970	35,970
Current Level	0	0	5.696	5,696	6,624	6.624
	0	0	96	96	- 29,346	- 29,346
Difference	U	U	30	30	- 23,340	- 25,340

DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009—COMPARISON OF CURRENT LEVEL WITH APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATION AND APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE 302(b) SUBALLOCATIONS

[In millions of dollars]

Appropriations subcommittee	302(b) suballocations as of July 8, 2008 (H. Rpt. 110–746)		Current level reflecting action completed as of September 30, 2009		Current level minus suballoca- tions	
	BA	OT	BA	OT	BA	OT
Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA Commerce, Justice, Science Defense Energy and Water Development Financial Services and General Government Homeland Security Interior, Environment Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Legislative Branch Military Construction, Veterans Affairs State, Foreign Operations Transportation, HUD Unassigned (full committee allowance)	33,265 21,900 42,075 27,867 152,643 4,404 72,729 36,620	22,000 57,000 525,250 32,825 22,900 42,390 28,630 152,000 4,340 66,890 36,000 114,900	27,594 76,311 636,663 91,085 29,747 45,045 38,586 281,483 4,428 80,076 50,605 119,530	22,823 62,440 625,194 35,130 24,004 46,508 29,687 168,653 4,393 66,975 40,989 121,039	6,971 19,453 148,926 57,820 7,847 2,970 10,719 128,840 24 7,347 13,985 64,533	823 5,440 99,944 2,305 1,104 4,118 1,057 16,653 85 4,989 6,139 - 987
Subtotal (Section 302(b) Allocations) Unallocated portion of Section 302(a) Allocation ¹	1,011,718 470,483	1,106,112 141,760	1,481,153 0	1,247,835 0	469,435 470,483	141,723 - 141,760
Total (Section 302(a) Allocation)	1,482,201	1,247,872	1,481,153	1,247,835	-1,048	- 37

¹ Includes emergencies enacted before March, 2009 that are now included in resolution totals. Also includes adjustments for rebasing and technical reestimates since the Appropriations bills were scored at the time of enactment. Finally, it includes adjustments for overseas deployments made pursuant to S. Con. Res. 13.

DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010—COMPARISON OF CURRENT LEVEL WITH APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATION AND APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE 302(b) SUBALLOCATIONS

[In millions of dollars]

Appropriations subcommittee	302(b) suballocations as of July 30 2009 (H. Rpt. 0 111–238)		Current level reflecting action completed as of Jan- uary 5, 2010 —		Current level minus su	ballocations
Appropriations subseministed	BA	OT	BA	OT	ВА	OT
Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA Commerce, Justice, Science Defense Energy and Water Development Financial Services and General Government Homeland Security Interior, Environment Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Legislative Branch Military Construction, Veterans Affairs State, Foreign Operations Transportation, HUD MINSSIgned (full committee allowance)	22,900 64,415 636,293 33,300 24,150 42,625 32,300 163,400 4,700 77,905 48,843 68,821	24,883 70,736 648,367 42,771 25,653 34,188 218,909 4,805 77,665 47,487 135,243	23,304 64,416 636,374 33,465 24,186 42,776 32,240 164,825 4,656 78,005 48,764 67,900	24,905 70,864 647,180 42,954 25,613 46,634 34,585 220,128 4,597 77,688 47,691 134,342	404 1 81 165 36 151 -60 1,425 -44 100 -79 -921	22 128 - 1,181 183 - 40 288 397 1,219 - 200 - 901 - 566
Subtotal (Section 302(b) Allocations)	1,219,652 1,240	1,377,618 - 339	1,220,911	1,377,191	1,259 - 1,240	- 427 339
Total (Section 302(a) Allocation)	1,220,892	1,377,279	1,220,911	1,377,191	19	- 88

¹ Includes adjustments made for final appropriations action.

2011 and 2012 advance appropriations under section 424 of S. Con. Res. 13

[Budget Authority in Millions of Dollars]

Section 424(b)(1) Limits

Section 424(b)(1) Limits	
	2011
Appropriate Level	28,852
Enacted advances:	
Accounts Identified for Ad-	
vances:	
Employment and Training	
Administration	1,772
Office of Job Corps	691
Education for the Disadvan-	
taged	10,841
School Improvement Pro-	
grams	1,681
Special Education	8,592
Career, Technical and Adult	
Education	791
Payment to Postal Service	89
Tenant-based Rental Assist-	
ance	4,000
Project-based Rental Assist-	20.4
ance	394
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Subtotal, enacted advances	28,852
	2012
Appropriate Level ¹	n.a.

Enacted advances: Accounts Identified for Advances: Corporation for Public Broadcasting Section 424(b)(2) Limits Appropriate Level² Enacted advances: Veterans Health Administration Accounts Identified for Advances: Medical services 37,136 Medical support and compli-5.307 ance. Medical facilities 5.740 Subtotal, enacted advances ... 48.183 $^{\rm 1}\,\rm S.$ Con. Res. 13 does not provide a dollar limit for

2012 ²S. Con. Res. 13 does not provide a dollar limit for allowable advances for the Veterans Health Administration. U.S. Congress.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE, Washington, DC, January 12, 2010. Hon. John M. Spratt, Jr. Chairman, Committee on the Budget, House of

Representatives, Washington, DC. DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The enclosed report shows the effects of Congressional action on the fiscal year 2009 budget and is current

through September 30, 2009. 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. 13, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010, as approved by the Senate and the House of Representatives

Pursuant to section 423(b) of S. Con. Res. 13, provisions designated as emergency requirements are exempt from enforcement of the budget resolution. As a result, the enclosed current level report excludes those amounts (see footnote 2 of the report).

Since my last letter dated September 10, 2009, the Congress cleared and the President signed an act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes (Public Law 111-68). That legislation includes a provision related to the Postal Service that affected budget authority and outlays for fiscal year 2009 (see footnote 4 of the re-

This is the final current level letter for fiscal year 2009.

Sincerely

DOUGLAS W. ELMENDORF,

Director.

FISCAL YEAR 2009 HOUSE CURRENT LEVEL REPORT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
Previously Enacted ¹			
Revenues	n.a.	n.a.	1,532,571
Permanents and other spending legislation	2,186,897	2,119,086	n.a.
Appropriation legislation	2,031,683	1,851,797	n.a.
Offsetting receipts	- 640,548	- 640,548	n.a.
Total, Previously enacted	3,578,032	3,330,335	1,532,571
Enacted this session:			
Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009 (P.L. 111–22)	-524	3,266	0
An act to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products* * * and for other purposes (P.L. 111–31)	11	2	8
Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (P.L. 111–32) 2	89,682	26,992	0
An act to make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes (P.L. 111-39)	-187	-202	0
An act to authorize the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to use fundsand for other purposes (P.L. 111-45)	0	5	0
An act to restore sums to the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes (P.L. 111–46) 3	-40	-40	0
An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes (P.L. 111—68) 4	4,000	4,000	0
Total, enacted this session	92,942	34,023	8
Total Current Level 2,3,4,5	3,670,974	3,364,358	1,532,579
Total Budget Resolution ⁶	3,675,751	3,358,952	1,532,579
Adjustment to budget resolution for disaster allowance 7	-7,150	-1,788	n.a.
Adjusted Budget Resolution	3,668,601	3,357,164	1,532,579
Current Level Over Budget Resolution	2,373	7,194	n.a.
Current Level Under Budget Resolution	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

Includes the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-3), the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (P.L. 111-5), and the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (P.L. 111-8), which were enacted by the Congress during this session, before the adoption of S. Con. Res. 13, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010. Although ARRA was designated as an emergency requirement, it is now included as part of the current level amounts

Budget authority Outlays Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (P.L. 111-32) 16,169 3,530

⁵ For purposes of enforcing section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act in the House, the budget resolution does not include budget authority, outlays, or revenues for off-budget amounts. As a result, current level excludes these items. ⁶ Periodically, the House Committee on the Budget revises the totals in S. Con Res. 13, pursuant to various provisions of the resolution:

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
Original Budget Resolution	3,675,927	3,356,270	1,532,571
For the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (section 423(a)(1))	0	2,882	0
For an act to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products and for other purposes (section 324) For an act to make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes (section 322)	11 - 187	2 -202	8
Revised Budget Resolution	3 675 751	3 358 952	1.532.579
101/000 200501 100000001	0,0,0,01	0,000,002	1,002,070

⁷ S. Con. Res. 13 includes \$7,150 million in budget authority and \$1,788 million in outlays as a disaster allowance to recognize the potential cost of disasters; these funds will never be allocated to a committee. At the direction of the House Committee on the Budget, the budget resolution totals have been revised to exclude these amounts for purposes of enforcing current level.

SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office.

² Pursuant to section 423(b) of S. Con. Res, 13, 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

³ Section 1 of P.L. 111-46 appropriated \$7 billion to the Highway Trust Fund. The enactment of this legislation followed an announcement by the Secretary of Transportation on June 24, 2009, of an interim policy to slow down payments to states from the Highway Trust Fund. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that P.L. 111-46 reversed this policy and restored payments to states at levels already assumed in current level. Thus, enactment of section I results in no change to current level totals. Other provisions of the act reduced budget authority and outlays by \$40 million in 2009.

⁴ Section 164 of Division B of P.L. 111-68 reduced the required transfer from the Postal Service Fund to the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund for fiscal year 2009 by \$4 billion. The transfer does not affect unified budget totals; however, since the Postal Service Fund is off-budget. and current level does not include off-budget amounts, only the on-budget piece of the transfer (an increase in spending of \$4 billion) is shown in current level total

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

U.S. Congress. CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,

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Chairman, Committee on the Budget, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

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Pursuant to section 423(b) of S. Con. Res. 13, provisions designated as emergency requirements are exempt from enforcement of

the budget resolution. As a result, the enclosed current level report excludes those amounts (see footnote 2 of the report).

Since my last letter dated September 10. 2009, the Congress has cleared and the President has signed the following acts that affect budget authority, outlays, or revenues for fiscal year 2010:

An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes (Public Law 111-68);

Fiscal Year 2010 Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act (Public Law 111-69);

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-80); Department of Homeland Security Appro-

priations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-83); National Defense Authorization Act for

Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111-84); Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-85);

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 and Further Continuing Appropriations, 2010 (Public Law 111-88);

Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-92):

An act to allow the funding for interoperable emergency communication grants program (Public Law 111-96);

No Social Security Benefits for Prisoners Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-115);

Consolidated Appropriations Act, (Public Law 111-117);

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-118); and

An act to extend the Generalized System of Preferences and the Andean Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes (Public Law 111-124).

Sincerely

DOUGLAS W. ELMENDORF, Director.

FISCAL YEAR 2010 HOUSE CURRENT LEVEL REPORT THROUGH JANUARY 5, 2010

[In millions of dollars]

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Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010 (P.L. 111–83)	44,137	26,619	0
Energy and Water Developmnt and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (P.L. 111–85)	33,465	19,573	Q
Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 and Further Continuing Appropriations, 2010 (P.L. 111–88)	32,760	20,543	0
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Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010 (P.L. 111–118) 2	637,886	404,382	
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Current Level Under Budget Resolution		n.a.	771,394

Includes the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (P.L. 111–3), the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (P.L. 111–5), and the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (P.L. 111–8), which were enacted by the Congress during this session, before the adoption of S. Con. Res. 13, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010. Although ARRA was designated as an emergency requirement, it is now included as part of the current level amounts.

²Pursuant to section 423(b) of S. Con. Res. 13, provisions designated as emergency requirements are exempt from enforcement of the budget resolution. The amounts so designated for fiscal year 2010, which are not included in the current level totals, are as follows:

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (P.L. 111–32)	17	7,064	n.a.
An act making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for the Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Program (P.L. 111–47)	0	2,000	n.a.
Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010 (P.L. 111–118)	12,025	11,976	- 4,473
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³ The estimate for P.L. 111-46, an act to restore the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, does not change current level totals, P.L. 111-46 appropriated \$7 billion to the Highway Trust Fund. The enactment of this legislation followed an announcement by the Secretary of Transportation on June 24, 2009, of an interim policy to slow down payments to states from the Highway Trust Fund. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that P.L. 111–46 reversed this policy and will restore payments to states at levels already assumed in current level. Thus, no change is required.

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

⁵Periodically, the House Committee on the Budget revises the totals in S. Con Rcs. 13, pursuant to various provisions of the resolution

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	authority	Outlays	ivevenues
Original Budget Resolution	2,888,691	3,001,311	1,653,682
For the Congressional Budget Office's reestimate of the President's request for discretionary appropriations (section 422(0(1))	3,766 0	2,355 818	0
324)	10	13	46
For revisions for House-passed appropriations bills (sections 422(a) and 423(a)(1))	0	3,521	0
For an act to make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes (section 322)	32	36	0
For revisions for final appropriations bills (section 423(a)(1))		- 1,579	
Revised Budget Resolution	2.892.499	3.006.475	1.653.728

6 S. Con. Res. 13 includes \$10,350 million in budget authority and \$5,448 million in outlays as a disaster allowance to recognize the potential cost of disasters; those funds will never be allocated to a committee. At the direction of the House Committee on the Budget, the budget resolution totals have been revised to exclude those amounts for purposes of enforcing current level. SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office. Note: n.a. = not applicable; P.L. = Public Law

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

CBC HOUR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. LEE of California. As Chair of the 42-member Congressional Black Caucus, let me first begin by saying that our thoughts and our prayers go out to the people of Haiti and the Haitian-American community, those Americans and others in Haiti affected by this devastating earthquake.

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus are continuing to monitor the situation in Haiti, and are committed to providing whatever emergency humanitarian assistance is needed. The Congressional Black Caucus has a long history of working with the Haitian people and the Haitian-American community on a variety of issues. We share a close and long-standing relationship. Many members of the Congressional Black Caucus, including myself, have visited Haiti many, many times.

Since learning of the devastating earthquake yesterday, my staff and I have been in contact with the State Department and other officials to assess the situation on a regular basis. Congressman Donald Payne of New Jersey chairs the International Affairs Task Force of the Congressional Black Caucus, and has held several meetings today to coordinate our legislative and humanitarian assistance efforts. The CBC is working to help to ensure that the United States can and will continue to do everything it can to provide emergency humanitarian assistance. The President has quickly deployed all available assets and resources to respond to this emergency.

Over the last several years, Haiti has experienced an extraordinary set of challenges, from high food prices and food shortages, to natural disasters. Haiti will need increased attention and resources from the international community to help it recover during this very difficult time.

United Nations reports say thousands of people may have died in this earth-

quake. At least 100 people are believed to be buried in the rubble of the United Nations headquarters building in Portau-Prince. The head of the United Nations Mission is among the missing. Search and rescue teams have been sent to Haiti from several countries. A United States military official says tentative plans are underway for the hospital ship USNS Comfort to dock off the coast of Haiti to assist with sick and wounded. We are asking the global community to help us with these ef-

In response to the earthquake in Haiti, the U.S. Agency for International Development is dispatching a disaster assistance response team, and has activated its partners the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team and the Los Angeles County Search and Rescue Team. Now, more than ever, Haiti needs our help.

Haiti is the poorest, least developed country in the Western Hemisphere, with an average per capita income of \$500 per year. But the Haitian people are resilient and proud people. The country ranks 146 out of 177, lower than Bangladesh and even the Sudan on the United Nations Human International Development Index. And also one in eight children will die before the age of five. That is one in eight.

Over the last 2 years, Haiti has been devastated by a triple blow of rising food and energy prices, the succession of hurricanes and tropical storms, and the global economic downturn. In May of 2008, the former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick of Michigan, and I, led a Congressional delegation to Haiti to examine the conditions on the ground. We were joined then by 10 members of the Congressional Black Caucus and one member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. Later that month, the House passed an emergency supplemental that included funding for international food aid, and also other food security initiatives. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, we worked to ensure that Haiti's needs were addressed in the context of the global food crisis.

Thanks in large part to the leadership of many members in the Congressional Black Caucus, in September 2008 President Bush signed H.R. 2638 into law, which amended the Department of Homeland Security Act to include 100 million in additional disaster relief to the Caribbean, of which 96 million was appropriated to Haiti. During Haiti's

time of need then Congress stepped up to lend support. And of course we expect no less this time around.

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As we deliver urgent and immediate support to the people of Haiti and all of those who have been affected by this earthquake, we must also identify long-term solutions to Haiti's problems. Haiti's food shortages, severe deforestation, poor sanitation, lack of family planning and health care services, high unemployment and underdevelopment, and also the lack of an agricultural sector, these issues, these problems cannot be solved by emergency assistance alone. And so that is why, working with Chairman ENGEL, many of us are working on my bill, H.R. 417, which is called the Next Steps for Haiti Act of 2009.

This bill would provide technical expertise and build human capacity to help Haiti address its own problems. Many Haitian Americans living in the United States have technical expertise in areas such as agriculture, education, health care, and infrastructure and would like to return to Haiti to assist their people. My bill creates a mechanism to transfer this knowledge in order to meet the needs and the goals of Haiti

Beyond that, we need to ensure that we find innovative ways to build human capacities, such as educational exchanges, programs such as I have proposed and other Members in H.R. 416, the Shirley Chisholm U.S.-Caribbean Educational Exchange Act.

Now more than ever Haiti needs the support of its neighbor to the north. Even as we deal with our own problems during these tough economic times, we must not turn a blind eye to the untold human suffering just off our shores. Today, we express our continued support for Haiti. We stand in solidarity with the Haitians and the Haitian Americans who have lost loved ones, with the United States citizens still trapped on the island. We stand in solidarity with the rescue workers who have devoted their time and their treasure to help people they do not know. We stand hand in hand with them today and renew our continued support.

Our thoughts and our prayers go out to the Haitian people and to all of those who have been affected during this very trying time. We are asking everyone in our country to help in this assistance with the Haiti effort. Of