

in budget authority and \$170 million in outlays that is designated as OCO funding and \$6.438 billion in budget authority and \$322 million in outlays that is designated as disaster funding.

3) The Defense Appropriations Act, which includes \$59.719 billion in budget authority and \$28.368 billion in outlays that is designated as OCO funding.

Consequently, I am revising the budgetary aggregates for 2015 by a total of \$74.995 billion in budget authority and \$31.360 billion in outlays. I am also revising the budget authority and outlay allocations to the appropriations committee for 2015 by \$16.416 billion in revised nonsecurity budget authority, \$58.579 billion in revised security budget authority, and \$31.360 billion in total outlays.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the following tables detailing the changes to the allo-

cation to the Committee on Appropriations and the budgetary aggregates.

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

BUDGETARY AGGREGATES

(Pursuant to section 116 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 and section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974)

\$s in millions	2014	2015
Current Spending Aggregates*:		
Budget Authority	2,842,558	2,940,213
Outlays	2,819,514	3,004,326
Adjustments:		
Budget Authority	0	74,995
Outlays	0	31,360
Revised Spending Aggregates:		
Budget Authority	2,842,558	3,015,208
Outlays	2,819,514	3,035,686

* Current Spending Aggregates were revised on 6/16/2014 and 7/16/2014 to include a disaster cap adjustment for the Agriculture Appropriations subcommittee and a deficit neutral reserve fund adjustment for terrorism risk insurance.

REVISIONS TO THE BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAY ALLOCATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

(Pursuant to Sections 302 and 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974)

In millions of dollars	Current Allocation/limit*	Adjustments**	Adjusted Allocation/limit
Fiscal Year 2015:			
Revised Security Category Discretionary Budget Authority	521,272	58,579	579,851
Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority	492,456	16,416	508,872
General Purpose Discretionary Outlays ...	1,160,543	31,360	1,191,903
Memorandum: Total Discretionary Budget Authority ..	1,013,728	74,995	1,088,723

* Current Allocation/limit to the nonsecurity category was revised on 6/16/2014 to include a disaster cap adjustment for the Agriculture subcommittee.

** Pursuant to section 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) the allocation to the Committee on Appropriations will be adjusted following the reporting of bills, offering of amendments, or submission of conference reports that qualify for adjustments to the discretionary spending limits as outlined in section 251(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

DETAIL ON ADJUSTMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2015 ALLOCATIONS TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 302 AND 314(A) OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

\$s in billions	Program integrity	Disaster relief	Emergency	Overseas contingency operations	Total
Defense:					
Budget Authority	0.000	0.000	0.000	59.719	59.719
Outlays	0.000	0.000	0.000	28.368	28.368
Homeland Security:					
Budget Authority	0.000	6.438	0.000	0.213	6.651
Outlays	0.000	0.322	0.000	0.170	0.492
State-Foreign Operations:					
Budget Authority	0.000	0.000	0.000	8.625	8.625
Outlays	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.500	2.500
Total:					
Budget Authority	0.000	6.438	0.000	68.557	74.995
Outlays	0.000	0.322	0.000	31.038	31.360
Breakdown of Above Adjustments by Category:					
Revised Security Category Budget Authority	0.000	0.000	0.000	58.579	58.579
Revised Nonsecurity Category Budget Authority	0.000	6.438	0.000	9.978	16.416
General Purpose Discretionary Outlays	0.000	0.322	0.000	31.038	31.360

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

CORPORAL GARY L. MOORE

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to Army CPL Gary L. Moore. Corporal Moore died March 16, 2009 of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device blew up next to his vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq.

Gary was born on January 18, 1984 in Del City, OK and graduated from Westmoore High School in Oklahoma City, OK in 2003. After graduation, he worked as a mall security guard before enlisting in the Army in January 2007.

Starting his career at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, Gary was reassigned to the 978th Military Police Company, 93rd Military Police Battalion in Fort Bliss, TX, where he deployed to Iraq in June 2008 to help provide training and oversight of the Iraqi police force.

BG David Phillips, the chief of the military police corps, praised Gary's unit for their service and accomplishments in Iraq. He said people in Baghdad are beginning to experience normal lives again because of the work of Moore and others. "This past fall, when the elementary schools reopened, young girls were able to go to school," Phillips said.

Engaged to be married on November 14, 2009, his fiancée Randi Ivie said, "He loved life. He wasn't a stranger to anyone. He always had a good smile and a strong handshake."

Funeral services for Gary were held on March 24, 2009 and he was laid to rest with full military honors in Sunnyside Cemetery in Del City, OK.

At the funeral service, Sam Davison, the church's head pastor said "Gary was 38 years younger than me, but he was one of my heroes. I'm proud of the service that he rendered. I'm proud of his bravery. I'm proud of Gary."

Today we remember Army CPL Gary L. Moore, a young man who loved his family and country, and gave his life as a sacrifice for freedom.

CORPORAL STEPHEN S. THOMPSON

Mr. President, I would also like to remember the life and sacrifices of CPL Stephen S. Thompson who died on February 14, 2009 of injuries sustained from small arms fire in Baghdad, Iraq.

Stephen was born on July 14, 1985 in Tulsa, OK and was a 2004 graduate of Memorial High School in Tulsa, OK. After enlisting in the Army on June 27, 2006, he attended boot camp at Fort Sill, OK. He was then assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX. The unit had deployed to Iraq in March 2008 and was set to return home within weeks.

BG Ross Ridge, the deputy commander of Fort Sill, said Stephen "constantly exuded enthusiasm" and always sought more responsibility to lead men. To his fellow soldiers, he

"was an instant friend and confidante," the general said.

Corporal Thompson was buried at Floral Haven Cemetery, in Broken Arrow, OK. Army pallbearers from Fort Sill escorted his flag-draped coffin to the gravesite and an honor guard fired rifle volleys and a bugler played "Taps."

"I am so proud of my son. Stephen became a man the day he joined. This young man changed overnight. I remember when I went to his graduation from boot camp, I couldn't hardly believe who the person that was standing in front of me," his father Philip Thompson said.

Stephen is survived by his mother Tresa, his father Philip, and two brothers, Austin and Christopher of Tulsa, OK.

I extend our deepest gratitude and condolences to Stephen's family and friends. He lived a life of love for his family and country. He will be remembered for his commitment to and belief in the greatness of our Nation. I am honored to pay tribute to this true American hero who volunteered to go into the fight and made the ultimate sacrifice for our protection and freedom.

CHINESE DRYWALL

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, there has been an important development in

the effort to bring fairness for the victims of poisonous drywall that was imported from China. Drywall sourced from China was found to emit dangerous chemicals that make people sick and damage metal components of air conditioning and other electronics, among other effects. In Louisiana, the defective drywall came at a particularly troubling time. Just as we were starting to rebuild after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the defective Chinese drywall was imported in large quantities. Many homeowners returned after their houses were rebuilt only to soon find them to be inhabitable yet again. We are still fighting today almost 9 years after the storm to bring justice to the affected families.

Some other companies, specifically German-owned entities, that supplied defected drywall from China have participated in the legal process and made settlements that have been helpful to homeowners. However, the Chinese company Taishan, a state-owned entity, refuses to take responsibility for its harmful products and continues to disregard U.S. law and our court system. If the homeowners' contractors got drywall from Taishan, they have thus far been out of luck in seeking fair compensation as Taishan continues to ignore our court system.

In February 2014, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans upheld a \$2.7 million default judgment requiring Taishan to cover the cost of removing its defective drywall. Even after losing the appeal, Taishan let the deadline pass for an appeal to the Supreme Court, meaning the case was back in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana and Judge Eldon Fallon. Earlier this month, Taishan disregarded our legal system and refused to appear in court proceedings in this case. Judge Fallon ruled that Taishan was in contempt of court for failing to appear to address the default judgment entered against the company. He ordered Taishan to pay \$15,000 in attorney's fees of the plaintiffs and \$40,000 in penalties. Most importantly, his ruling banned Taishan and any of its affiliates or subsidiaries from doing business in the United States unless and until it participates in the court's process on this ongoing case. To help ensure enforcement of the order, the court sent notice of its ruling to the Federal Government.

I applaud the court's effort to protect the integrity of our legal system in taking action to force the Chinese company to comply with the law and the court's orders. If state-owned Chinese companies such as Taishan want to do business in the United States, they must follow the law and must honor our legal system. If they will not honor commitments and work to resolve claims, how can we expect any Americans to trust any business relations with or products from Chinese government controlled companies? Our government must insist that Taishan return to the table and participate in the legal process.

To help stop this situation from happening again, I worked to pass into law bipartisan legislation to stop unsafe drywall from entering U.S. markets by ensuring that the Consumer Product Safety Commission follows a voluntary consensus health and safety standard. Enacted in 2013, this law also ensures that unsafe drywall will not be reused by requiring that it be labeled and that its manufacturers are identified. I specifically offered an amendment to focus the emphasis of the legislation on high sulfur content, the main damaging element emitted from the defective drywall, and to make the origin of the drywall traceable to the manufacturer. This law protects homeowners going forward, but it cannot help the homeowners still looking for justice now. We know that the harmful drywall came from China, and the remedy for these homeowners is for Taishan to follow the court's order, come to the table, and reach a fair settlement.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, due to family commitments in Florida, I was unable to vote on the confirmation of Pamela Harris to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Had I been present, I would have voted against Ms. Harris's confirmation.

The Senate has few responsibilities more important than providing advice and consent on the President's judicial nominations. These are lifetime appointments with great power, whose decisions directly impact the life, liberty, and property of the parties who come before them.

Americans deserve a judiciary staffed by lawyers who are not just highly capable but who are also men and women of a particular character. We rightfully expect judges to understand their important but properly limited role to say what the law is, without bias, without agenda. As passionately as a judge may feel about a particular issue, when he or she puts on that black robe, all personal views must be set aside.

No one can deny Ms. Harris has a first rate mind or that she has built an impressive career. Unfortunately, many of her statements during that career suggest that her mind is better suited to academia, or elective office, than it is to the bench. She has identified herself as "profoundly liberal" and said she views the Constitution as "profoundly progressive." These types of statements, along with troubling interpretations of the First Amendment among other issues, paint a picture of a nominee more likely to become a liberal activist judge than one who neutrally applies the law.

For those reasons, I would not have supported granting Ms. Harris the profound power that comes with lifetime tenure on the Federal bench.

TRIBUTE TO BRYSON BACHMAN

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to Bryson Bachman, who has served as a critical member of my staff for nearly 3 years, and as my chief counsel for the past year.

Bryson Bachman is an extraordinary judicial talent. His legal pedigree began at Harvard Law School and continued in his clerkship with the Honorable Thomas B. Griffith on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit and later as an associate at Sidley Austin. Bryson's talent and contribution do not come solely from his impressive background and experience but from his personal commitment to making a difference and adding value in everything he does.

I have valued and benefited greatly from his deep understanding of the law and his ability to approach each issue in a thoughtful, respectful and insightful way. Above all I have come to admire and trust him as a person of unmatched integrity. As a member of the judiciary committee Bryson's assistance and guidance have been invaluable. When he briefs an issue I know he has done the often unseen and unrecognized work of truly understanding the issue from all angles. His willingness to do the heavy mental lifting on a wide range of issues always provided me great confidence going into important judiciary hearings or voting on difficult legislation.

The test of a great leader and a great lawyer is not found simply by what they do in a given role, but more importantly, how they do it. Some walk into a room and people recognize them as the smartest person in the room. True leaders, such as Bryson Bachman, walk into that same room, as the smartest person in the room, but leave everyone in the room feeling smarter and better as a result of how the dialogue and discussion were fostered. Creating space for every member of the team to participate in and contribute to a discussion, while still driving the most salient points to consider and evaluating an array of scenarios, is the hallmark of Bryson's time as a member of my staff.

Bryson will be sorely missed in our office but we wish him, his wife Destiny and son Hamilton continued success in their next season of life and work. This CONGRESSIONAL RECORD is but a small note in history of Bryson Bachman's impact on the important work done in the Senate. However, his more important work and longer lasting impact is found in the imprint he has made on the hearts and minds of those with whom he has worked. I count myself as one of those deeply influenced by Bryson. I admire him for his talent, I acknowledge him for his loyal service and thank him for his friendship.