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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2014, at 2 p.m.

Senate

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014

(Legislative day of Friday, August 1, 2014)

The Senate met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CARL LEVIN, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by Rev. Adam Briddell, Associate Pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, Washington, DC.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Holy God, we give You thanks for the abundance of Your blessings and the promise You have made to Your people—a promise to never fail or forsake us. So You have sent Your Spirit, a spirit of truth, courage, grace, and love; a spirit that calls us together in fellowship because we are so much stronger when we are united and not divided.

May Your Spirit be at work in the hearts of the men and women of this great Chamber. May all find the courage to choose Your righteousness over self-righteousness. Let Your truth inspire us to great acts of grace and love. This day and every day may we be found faithful to who You are and who You are calling us to be.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 5, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CARL LEVIN, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. LEVIN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

The Senator from Delaware.

BUDGETARY REVISIONS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I previously filed budgetary aggregates and committee allocations for budget years 2014 and 2015 pursuant to section 116 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013. Today, I am adjusting those levels.

Section 251 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 establishes statutory limits on discretionary spending and allows for various adjustments to those limits, while sections 302 and 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act allows the Chairman of the Budget Committee to establish and make revisions to allocations, aggregates, and levels consistent with those adjustments. On August 1, 2014, the Senate passed one bill that is eligible for an adjustment under the Congressional Budget Act: H.J. Res 76, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Resolution, 2014, which includes \$225 million in budget authority and \$150 million in outlays in 2014 and \$75 million in outlays in 2015 that is designated as emergency funding pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Consequently, I am revising the budgetary aggregates for 2014 by a total of \$225 million in budget authority and \$150 million in outlays. For 2015 I am revising the budgetary aggregates by \$75 million in outlays. I am also revising the budget authority and outlay

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allocations to the Appropriations Committee by \$225 million in revised security budget authority and \$150 million in outlays in 2014 and by \$75 million in outlays in 2015.

I ask unanimous consent that the following tables detailing the changes to the allocation to the Committee on Appropriations and the budgetary aggregates be printed in the RECORD.

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	3,015,208
Outlays	2,819,514	3,035,686
Adjustments:		
Budget Authority	225	0
Outlays	150	75
Revised Spending Aggregates:		
Budget Authority	2,842,783	3,015,208
Outlays	2,819,664	3,035,761

* 2014 current spending aggregates reflect previous adjustments made for the farm bill and unemployment insurance. 2015 current spending aggregates reflect previous adjustments made for disaster, overseas contingency operations, and terrorism risk insurance.

REVISIONS TO THE BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAY ALLOCATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

(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 2014:			
Revised Security Category Discretionary Budget Authority	605,882	225	606,107
Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority	504,843	0	504,843
General Purpose Discretionary Outlays	1,201,186	150	1,201,336
Memorandum: Total Discretionary Budget Authority	1,110,725	225	1,110,950

* 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.

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	579,851	0	579,851
Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority	508,872	0	508,872
General Purpose Discretionary Outlays	1,191,903	75	1,191,978
Memorandum: Total Discretionary Budget Authority	1,088,723	0	1,088,723

* 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 2014 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
H.J. Res. 76, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Resolution, 2014*:					
Budget Authority	0.000	0.000	0.225	0.000	0.225
Outlays	0.000	0.000	0.150	0.000	0.150
Total:					
Budget Authority	0.000	0.000	0.225	0.000	0.225
Outlays	0.000	0.000	0.150	0.000	0.150
Breakdown of Above Adjustments by Category:					
Revised Security Category Budget Authority	0.000	0.000	0.225	0.000	0.225
Revised Nonsecurity Category Budget Authority	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
General Purpose Discretionary Outlays	0.000	0.000	0.150	0.000	0.150

* This table reflects the Congressional Budget Office estimate of H.J. Res. 76, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Resolution, 2014 as passed by the Senate on August 1, 2014.

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H.J. Res 76, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Resolution, 2014*:					
Budget Authority	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Outlays	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.000	0.075
Total:					
Budget Authority	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Outlays	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.000	0.075
Breakdown of Above Adjustments by Category:					
Revised Security Category Budget Authority	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Revised Nonsecurity Category Budget Authority	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
General Purpose Discretionary Outlays	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.000	0.075

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CYPRUS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, this summer marks the 40th year since the Turkish invasion of Cyprus and the division of the island into Greek and Turkish zones. That division has led to great hardships on both sides of the divide and been a source of some instability in a part of the world—the eastern Mediterranean—that already is far too unstable. It is profoundly in the interests of the United States, our friends and allies in the region, and the Cypriot people, both Greek and Turkish, to resolve this dispute and achieve the goal of a unified Cyprus.

The division of Cyprus has had profoundly negative consequences for its people and the region. Cyprus has been a source of ongoing tension between

two important NATO allies, Greece and Turkey. The division has stunted Cyprus economically and politically. Tragically, the line has divided families for four decades. None of this is in the interests of Greece, Turkey, the United States, our allies, or the world. That is why the United States supports the creation of a bizonal, bicomunal federation as envisioned by numerous United Nations Security Council resolutions.

It is unfortunate that, four decades after the island's division, we have yet to achieve that goal. It is long overdue that Cyprus be unified. And there are reasons today to believe that goal is closer. In February, U.N.-sponsored talks between Greek and Turkish leaders restarted after a 2-year halt. They

agreed to a roadmap for further negotiations and, importantly, committed to build a positive atmosphere surrounding the talks, including important confidence-building measures designed to help ease 40 years of mistrust. Little over a week ago negotiators met and committed to progress on outstanding issues in advance of their next meeting on September 2.

It is vitally important that negotiators continue to build momentum toward peace and unity on the island because so much is at stake. The discovery of large natural gas reserves off the island's coast promises a newly prosperous future for Cyprus and its people, but it will be far more difficult, if not impossible, to fully capitalize on