

**SEC. ____ . DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND
RELATING TO SPECIAL TREATMENT
OF THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR
RESEARCH EXPENDITURES FOR
STARTUP COMPANIES.**

The Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate may revise the allocations of a committee or committees, aggregates, and other appropriate levels in this resolution for one or more bills, joint resolutions, amendments, amendments between the Houses, motions, or conference reports relating to special treatment of the income tax credit for research expenditures for startup companies by the amounts provided in such legislation for those purposes, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit over either the period of the total of fiscal years 2016 through 2020 or the period of the total of fiscal years 2016 through 2025.

The amendments (Nos. 950; 647; 485; 780; 765; 348; 425; 624; 422; 595; 651; 604; 885; 346; 456; 597, as modified; 449; 534; 339; 693; 770; 830; 538; 1081; 380, as modified; 416, as modified; 1027; 827; 374, as modified; 931; 404; 458, as modified; 648; 426; 442; 625; 1039; 482; 402; 490, as modified; 491; 822; 533; 1099; 420, as modified; 1028; 453; 752, as modified; 1073, as modified; 1110; 983; 642; 636; 638; 431; 793; 439; 705; 578; 342; 882; 899; 713; 364; 1002; 877; 721; 1067; 643; 437; 1005; 697; 569; 520; 708; 803; 1003; 720; 1033; 1013; 639; 1044; 434; 918; 986; 866; 392; 792; 1105; 1101; 435; 473; 1091; 580; 585; 645; 694; 1104; 586; and 394) were agreed to en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Very briefly. I thank all Members of the Senate for their cooperation. I know it has been a trying day, and we appreciate everybody's cooperation in getting this important measure to the finish line. It will be a good day for the Senate.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the pending amendments are withdrawn and the question occurs on adoption of S. Con. Res. 11, as amended.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

SGR LEGISLATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I, too, wish to express my appreciation to everyone who worked today. The thing I enjoyed most of all was the recess subject to the call of the Chair.

One thing we all acknowledge that we need to do is to prevent automatic cuts to doctors under Medicare because it is not only important to the doctors, it is also important to the patients—the so-called sustainable growth rate, or SGR—and we need to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program.

There is a lot of stuff in the bill that passed the House. They got 392 votes on that. That is a rare vote over there. I am pleased they did that. We are willing, over here, to proceed with this matter tonight.

As I indicated to the leader earlier on today, we had hoped we could get this done, but I understand it is late, whatever day it is. It is a bill that is 362 pages long. We are willing to move for-

ward. I am disappointed we may not be able to get it done tonight. I sure wish we could. If we can't, I hope the majority leader will move to this matter as soon as we get back here after the recess. It is a very important piece of legislation that we all acknowledge we need to do.

I understand we want to help the physicians. I acknowledge that, but remember, those Medicare physicians take care of people who are badly in need of health care. It is not only for the doctors that we need to do this, we need to do it for their patients.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, just to reassure my colleagues, CMS indicates that they can handle this for up to 2 weeks. It was encouraging that this passed the House with such a large bipartisan majority, and I want to reassure everyone who is interested in this legislation that we will move to it very quickly when we get back. As I indicated, once again, they can handle a 2-week gap here. We will turn to this legislation very quickly when we get back. I think there is every reason to believe it will pass the Senate by a very large majority.

Mr. REID. Finally, it is my understanding that when we come back, we could have a very limited number of amendments to try to dispose of this.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I am sorry. I didn't hear the Democratic leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I said when we come back after 2 weeks, I hope the majority leader will consider a very limited number of amendments with time agreements on them.

Mr. MCCONNELL. The Democratic leader and I will discuss the way forward. But I wanted to reassure everyone that this 2-week delay will not impact this, and I believe we will be able to figure out a way to go forward very quickly on something that is so overwhelmingly popular on a bipartisan basis.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on adoption of S. Con. Res. 11, as amended.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOZMAN). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 135 Leg.]

YEAS—52

Alexander
Ayotte
Barrasso
Blunt
Boozman

Burr
Capito
Cassidy
Coats
Cochran

Collins
Corker
Cornyn
Cotton
Crapo

Daines
Enzi
Ernst
Fischer
Flake
Gardner
Graham
Grassley
Hatch
Heller
Hoeven
Inhofe
Isakson

Johnson
Kirk
Lankford
Lee
McCain
McConnell
Moran
Murkowski
Perdue
Portman
Risch
Roberts
Rounds

Rubio
Sasse
Scott
Sessions
Shelby
Sullivan
Thune
Tillis
Toomey
Vitter
Wicker

NAYS—46

Baldwin
Bennet
Blumenthal
Booker
Boxer
Brown
Cantwell
Cardin
Carper
Casey
Coons
Cruz
Donnelly
Durbin
Franken
Gillibrand

Heinrich
Heitkamp
Hirono
Kaine
King
Klobuchar
Leahy
Manchin
Markey
McCaskill
Menendez
Merkley
Murphy
Murray
Nelson
Paul

Peters
Reed
Reid
Sanders
Schatz
Schumer
Shaheen
Stabenow
Tester
Udall
Warner
Warren
Whitehouse
Wyden

NOT VOTING—2

Feinstein Mikulski

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11), as amended, was agreed to.

(The resolution, as amended, will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, after I finish.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE BUDGET

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, Teddy Roosevelt once noted that one of his life's great prizes was to work hard at work worth doing. Well, I believe the work we have done this week to boost our Nation's economy, support our national defense, and expand opportunity for hard-working families is work truly worth doing.

The budget we have been debating in the Senate this week will boost the Nation's economic growth by more than \$500 billion over the next 10 years, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. It also will balance the budget in 10 years, with no tax hikes, protect the Nation's most vulnerable citizens, strengthen America's national defense, and improve economic growth and opportunity for hard-working families.

This budget's economic growth dividend means that more jobs will be created across the country in all 50 States. In fact, the Senate Budget Committee estimates that nationwide there will be more than 1.3 million additional jobs in 2025. And this is only the spending reductions included in this budget. If the Senate takes the additional step and adds the recommended tax and regulatory reforms

to these spending reductions, the economic and job benefits will be even bigger.

This balanced budget is an important first step to help Washington live within its means, just as hard-working families have to do every day. A balanced budget means real accountability in Washington and ensures that programs actually accomplish what they set out to deliver.

I wish to thank my colleagues for their consideration, cooperation, and patience to bring us to this point. I wish to particularly thank Senate Majority Leader MITCH MCCONNELL for allowing the Senate and Senators to actually do our job, both in committee and on the floor of the Senate. Under Majority Leader MCCONNELL, we have received support and backing from the Senate Republican leadership, and it has been a great leadership team. It is because of this leadership that we have come to this result—the first Senate Republican resolution since 2006.

This commitment to an open, honest, and transparent legislative process is crucial to helping Congress restore the trust of the American people.

I also owe thanks to the outstanding Republican members of the Senate Budget Committee, who worked long and fought so hard and tenaciously to outline a plan that can balance the budget over the next 10 fiscal years. Thanks also are due to the many Members on this side who came and spoke on the budget's behalf, offered amendments to make it better—well, almost always to make it better—and worked with us and each other to move through the resolution's debate and voting process together.

I have enjoyed my partnership with Senator SANDERS since we both took on our new roles just a few months ago at the beginning of the 114th Congress. We have known each other a long time, served on some of the same Senate committees, and to have him across the aisle managing this bill with me has been an enjoyable part of acting on my first budget resolution. I also appreciate his staff who worked with him so diligently.

I also wish to focus for a moment on some of the staff who helped lead us here. I thank the Republican staff of the Senate Budget Committee, including the director, Eric Ueland; my deputy staff director Dan Kowalski; parliamentarian Tori Gorman; chief economist Bill Beach; director of budget review Matt Giroux; senior budget analysts Peter Warren and Steve Robinson; budget analysts Greg D'Angelo, Chris Cook, John Selden, and Andrew Herther; junior budget analyst Kaitlin Vogt; chief counsel Greg Dean and assistant counsel Clint Brown; editor Elizabeth Keys; Susan Eckerly; communications director Joe Brenckle; executive assistant Kim Proctor; and staff assistant Katie Wachob. Without all their work, which began last year, we would not be here this evening standing on the verge of passing the

Senate's fiscal year 2016 budget resolution.

I have to mention that they didn't even change offices when we got the majority so that they could be working on this budget, knowing that since it is always our first opportunity in the majority, we had a lot of work to do.

In addition, thanks are owed to the chief clerk of the committee, Adam Kamp, and his dedicated staff, who worked tirelessly supporting us in our efforts.

As well, thanks to my personal staff, including my legislative director Tara Shaw, and the personal office legislative team of Travis Jordan, Becky Cole, Clint Lohse, Renee Bender, Bart Massey, Kristin Chapman, and Elizabeth Schwartz. I particularly have to mention my chief of staff, Flip McConnaughey.

We have been supported by the great work of our floor and cloakroom staff, led by Laura Dove and Robert Duncan; the Senate Parliamentarian Elizabeth MacDonough and her team, along with our bill and amendment clerks who keep us on the straight and narrow. Key staff from Senator MCCONNELL's office have been very helpful, including his chief of staff Sharon Soderstrom, his policy director Hazel Marshall, and his budget and appropriations policy adviser John Burks.

Also, I wish to thank Russ Sullivan, Monica Popp, and Johnny Slemrod from Senator CORNYN's Whip Office.

After 5 days of consideration and 50 hours of debate on our budget resolution, truly everything that can be said has probably been said by everybody who can say it. But I don't think anyone said this yet: I want to thank the people who voted for the final passage of S. Con. Res. 11, the fiscal year 2016 Senate budget resolution. We now move on to conferencing.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, the ranking member of the Budget Committee is not on the floor, so let me take this opportunity on behalf of the Democratic members of the Budget Committee to express my appreciation to our chairman. We obviously disagree on the substance of this budget, as the votes reflect. Indeed, we think it is an awful budget. But I think I speak for all of us when I say how impressed we have been by the calm and civil and courteous and patient manner in which the chairman has led us through a very substantively difficult issue. I wish to join him on behalf of the Democrats on the Budget Committee in thanking all of the relevant staff—the parliamentary staff, the committee staff, the floor staff—who have supported us through this process.

Our chairman is a very courteous gentleman.

Mr. ENZI. Thank you.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I yield the floor.

Mr. ENZI. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

OBSERVING THE BIRTHDAY OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS MAHA CHAKRI SIRINDHORN

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise to join Americans of Thai descent across this country and millions of people in Thailand—the United States' oldest ally in Asia—in celebrating on April 2 the 60th birthday anniversary of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. Fondly called by Thais as "Princess Angel", she is known for her life-long dedication to the cause of humanitarianism, education and human development, especially for the disadvantaged and marginalized, in Thailand and beyond. I am sure my colleagues in this Chamber will join me in paying tribute to her remarkable contributions.

Following closely in her parents' footsteps, Her Royal Highness has traveled with their Majesties throughout Thailand listening to their subjects' problems and responding with royal development projects. When not engaged in her official duties, she was pursuing her studies, attaining a Ph.D. in Development Education and a master's degree in History.

Since 1980, she has launched her own development projects. At first, Her Royal Highness focused on assisting disadvantaged and malnourished children. Aside from providing immediate aid, she also promoted integrated farming as a means to increase overall resilience and sustainable sources of nutrition. Public health has been a life-long concern. The Princess is the President of the Thai Red Cross Society and Chairperson of the Prince Mahidol Foundation, which bestows globally recognized awards for achievements in public health and medicine.

She soon expanded her charity projects to encompass education, working to increase access for children so as to improve their opportunities in life. Her approach and philosophy in this endeavor are deeply rooted in human rights and self-sufficiency. Specifically, Her Royal Highness has said:

"Those at the margins of society have rights to a good standard of living. Access to education is a fundamental human right. Education provides opportunities to learn and live sufficiently. Knowledge can be valued resources to help others or the community."

In fact, Her Royal Highness has supported more than 100 projects aimed at improving lives, raising the status of women, helping the disabled, and protecting the environment and wildlife. Many of these have won the support