

Most importantly, Medicare finally stepping up and taking on the big drug companies means that fewer Americans will be priced out of the care that they need to live healthy lives. We have more work to do, but the Inflation Reduction Act was a historic step in the right direction.

Every American deserves access to affordable and comprehensive healthcare, and I am committed to finishing what we started last year with the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act.

I yield the floor.
The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Rhode Island.

BUDGETARY REVISIONS

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023—the FRA, by its initials—which Congress passed 3 months ago, represented a bipartisan agreement. It resolved a manufactured default crisis. It avoided an economic catastrophe that was threatened, and it set funding levels for the upcoming year. Pursuant to section 121 of that Act, I previously filed, on June 21, budgetary aggregates and committee allocations for fiscal year 2024. Today, I am adjusting those levels to account for Senate amendment No. 1092 to H.R. 4366, the proposed package making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

This first package includes the fiscal year 2024 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies;

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies; and Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations bills.

Section 251 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended by the FRA, establishes statutory limits on discretionary funding levels for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, and allows for adjustments to those limits. Sections 302 and 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act allow the chairman of the Budget Committee to revise the allocations, aggregates, and levels consistent with those adjustments. Senate amendment No. 1092 is eligible for an adjustment. Division C, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2024, includes \$10.8 billion of budget authority and \$8.3 billion of outlays that are designated as emergency funding. The emergency funding in this division is consistent with the bipartisan agreement tied to the enactment of the FRA.

In addition, the Senate Appropriations Committee has reported eight other bills that include funding eligible for an adjustment. I am also making those adjustments in today's filing.

In total, I am revising the allocation to the Appropriations Committee by \$62.2 billion of budget authority and \$23.8 billion of outlays. Excluding off-budget amounts, I am revising the

budgetary aggregates by \$61.9 billion of budget authority and \$23.5 billion of outlays.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that these accompanying tables, which provide details about the adjustment filing, be printed in the RECORD at the conclusion of these remarks.

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

REVISIONS TO BUDGET AGGREGATES—BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAYS

(Pursuant to Section 121 of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 and Section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974)
(\$ in billion)

2024	
Current Spending Aggregates:	
Budget Authority	4,878.570
Outlays	5,056.741
Adjustment:	
Budget Authority	61.854
Outlays	23.541
Revised Aggregates:	
Budget Authority	4,940.424
Outlays	5,080.282

REVISIONS TO THE ALLOCATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

(Pursuant to Section 121 of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 and Section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974)
(\$ in billions)

	Current Allocation	Adjustments	Revised Allocation
Revised Security Budget Authority			
Revised Nonsecurity Budget Authority	886.349	8.000	894.349
General Purpose Outlays	703.651	54.198	757.849
	1,813.382	23.830	1,837.212

DETAIL OF ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ALLOCATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

(Pursuant to Sections 302 and 314 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974)
(\$ in billions)

Detail of Adjustments Made Above	Emergency	Disaster Relief	Program Integrity	Wildfire Suppression	Total
Commerce-Justice-Science:					
Budget Authority	2.250	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.250
Outlays	0.927	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.927
Defense:					
Budget Authority	8.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	8.000
Outlays	2.209	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.209
Energy and Water:					
Budget Authority	1.365	—0.003	0.000	0.000	1.362
Outlays	0.666	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.666
Financial Services:					
Budget Authority	0.000	0.143	0.000	0.000	0.143
Outlays	0.000	0.110	0.000	0.000	0.110
Homeland Security:					
Budget Authority	4.300	20.261	0.000	0.000	24.561
Outlays	1.605	1.216	0.000	0.000	2.821
Interior and Environment:					
Budget Authority	2.195	0.000	0.000	2.650	4.845
Outlays	1.711	0.000	0.000	0.910	2.621
Labor-HHS-Ed:					
Budget Authority	4.500	0.000	2.447	0.000	6.947
Outlays	2.295	0.000	1.974	0.000	4.269
State-Foreign Operations:					
Budget Authority	3.250	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.250
Outlays	1.939	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.939
Transportation-HUD:					
Budget Authority	10.840	0.000	0.000	0.000	10.840
Outlays	8.268	0.000	0.000	0.000	8.268
Total:					
Revised Discretionary Budget Authority	36.700	20.401	2.447	2.650	62.198
Revised Discretionary Outlays	19.620	1.326	1.974	0.910	23.830

Note: Emergency-designated funding in the Defense bill adjusts the revised security allocation; other emergency-designated funding adjusts the nonsecurity allocation. Of the program integrity amounts, \$344 million of budget authority and \$289 million of outlays are from the Disability Insurance Trust Fund and are off-budget. The off-budget amounts are not included in the adjustment to the budget aggregates.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I yield the floor.

MORNING BUSINESS

DISCLOSURE OF CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS UNDER RULE XLIV OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I certify that the information required by

rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate related to congressionally directed spending items has been identified in the committee reports which are incorporated by reference in Senate amendment 1092 to H.R. 4366 and that the required information has been

available on a publicly accessible congressional website at least 48 hours before a vote on the pending bill.

TRIBUTE TO PAT HUGHES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, for nearly three decades, the crack of the bat, the smell of fresh cut grass, the greening of the ivy, and the sound of Pat Hughes' voice reporting from the "beautiful and historic Wrigley Field" has let Cubs fans far and wide know, it is time for baseball. This July, Pat Hughes—the voice of Cubs baseball and a Chicago legend—was awarded the 2023 Ford C. Frick Award by the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY—the highest honor in broadcasting.

Born in Tucson, AZ, Pat was raised in San Jose, CA. His father worked in the education department at San Jose State University, where Pat would later enroll. Pat would frequent the university's sporting events with his father and brother, smitten by the cadre of future greats that took the field for the Spartans. At around 17 years old, he realized he wasn't quite good enough to make a career playing, but his passion for sports fueled his determination to find a sports career.

Just hours before Pat's acceptance speech at Cooperstown, he recounted that, "It kind of feels a little bit surreal. As if it's almost happening to someone else, and I'm just kind of watching." Ironically, watching on sidelines was where Pat's broadcasting career began.

At San Jose State University, while sitting on the bench for his college basketball team, he started to announce the game unfolding in front of him before his first listening audience: the other benchwarmers on the team. One of his teammates complimented Pat's knack for play-by-play. Once basketball season was over, Pat called his first baseball game, San Jose State versus the University of California Santa Barbara.

In 1978, Pat graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in radio/TV journalism and began his baseball broadcasting career for a minor league team: the San Jose Missions. After a season with the Columbus Clippers, he joined the Minnesota Twins broadcast team in 1983 before moving to Milwaukee just a year later, where he called Brewers games on radio with Milwaukee legend Bob Uecker.

I first heard Pat when my son Paul enrolled at Marquette University. Back then, Pat was calling basketball games for Marquette, and even then, Pat had the distinct style that we all have come to appreciate. Pat would go on to call basketball games for Marquette for 16 seasons, including years spent alongside local legend, Coach Al McGuire.

Since 1996, Pat has been the radio play-by-play announcer for the Chicago Cubs. The 2022 season marked the 40th consecutive year that Hughes served as

a Major League Baseball announcer. With nearly three decades in Chicago, Pat is a Cubs institution. And, not only has he been a fixture in Wrigley since 1996, he almost never misses work. For nearly 11 years, he called nearly every inning of every Cubs game before he finally took a day off.

A student of the game and a master of his craft, Pat regularly studied broadcasters he admired. He would listen to recordings of games that he called, analyze the modulation of his voice, eliminate filler, and perfect his catchphrases, setting the standard of meticulous preparation that he carries with him today. And just like the benchwarmer back in the 70s that called the basketball game, Pat seizes every moment.

Never one to rest on his laurels, when Pat learned that he would be the just the third broadcaster to be inducted into the Cubs Hall of Fame, he went right back to calling the play, completely awestruck, but like the true professional he is, he never missed a beat. And little did he know that just a few months later, he would be getting the call from Cooperstown. Pat lives his life play-by-play—staying in the moment, constantly improving, and transporting Cubs fans everywhere to Wrigley Field with his distinctive voice. During Pat's acceptance speech in Cooperstown, he thanked Cubs fans for making him part of the Cubs family, inviting him to graduations, bar mitzvahs, and birthdays. And he was quick to give credit to the line-up of broadcasters that he deeply admired.

Many remember Pat's time in the booth with Cubs Hall of Famer, the late Ron Santo, his broadcasting partner from 1996 until 2010. The "Pat and Ron" show was a favorite for the fans as Hughes worked well with the former third baseman, who wasn't shy to hide his love for the Cubs. A nine-time winner of the Illinois Sportscaster of the Year Award, Pat also won three straight Wisconsin Sportscaster of the Year Awards from 1990-92. He has called more than 6,000 MLB games, including eight no-hitters, the 25-inning White Sox v. Brewers contest in 1984 that was the longest game in American League history, and Kerry Wood's 20-strikeout game in 1998.

On November 2, 2016, when the Chicago Cubs ended a 108-year drought by winning game seven of the World Series, it was Pat who called the final out. He will forever be a part of Chicago Cubs history, and just as Pat studied other broadcasters, his legacy will be one to learn from.

I congratulate Pat; his wife Trish; their daughters Janell and Amber; and his entire family on this achievement. Cubs fans everywhere are flying the W for you. And, as Pat would say, "Get out the tape measure, Long Gone!"—all the way to Cooperstown.

REMEMBERING DR. SHANNON KULA

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Shannon Kula, former Senator Barbara Mikulski's chief of staff and a beloved member of the Maryland congressional team and Capitol Hill community. Shannon passed away recently after a long and heroic fight against breast cancer.

As Senator Mikulski remarked, "Her vibrant, inspirational personality made an impact on us all. She had such dedication, during those long hours—always with a smile and encouraging word. Shannon was a great friend, great advisor and brilliant strategist who took charge of making things happen all while making everyone feel good while she did it. She had a luminous spirit that blessed us all."

We all know the role that our staff plays in the work and life of the Senate. Shannon helped Senator Mikulski on so many of her accomplishments—from the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, to guaranteeing access to women's preventive healthcare to policies that support military families—Shannon was by Senator Mikulski's side. She also helped organize the bipartisan women Senators and played an important role in helping elect more women to the U.S. Senate.

Shannon played an important role in developing and enacting policies that improved people's lives. She also improved the lives of those who had the good fortune to work with her. The friendships she developed with the Mikulski staff and the wider Senate community were deep and lasting. She led with grace and humor. She mentored younger staff. She set a tone of civility and kindness, even in the rough and tumble world of politics. She was a valued colleague to so many people and a leader of what we in the delegation like to call "Team Maryland."

Shannon received B.A. degrees in political science and government and in psychology from the University of Rochester. She was the first person in her family to attend college. While Shannon was working in the Senate, she finished her master's degree and doctorate at Georgetown University, a truly remarkable accomplishment for anyone who knows the long and unpredictable hours Senate staff routinely work. After she left the Senate, she continued to serve, as director of the University of Saint Joseph's Women's Leadership Center and when she ran for a Congressional seat in her home State of Connecticut.

Shannon married her college sweetheart, Dr. Ron Clark, a U.S. Marine who served 20 years in the Corps. Everyone who knew the couple recognized what an incredible team they were. She was a loving aunt who was very involved in the lives of her nieces and nephews, traveling the world with them and encouraging them through their educations and military service.