

REVISIONS TO BUDGET AGGREGATES—BUDGET
AUTHORITY AND OUTLAYS—Continued

(Pursuant to Section 121(c) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023)
(\$ in billions)

	2024
Outlays	5,081.501
Adjustment:	
Budget Authority	1.589
Outlays	0.954
Revised Aggregates:	
Budget Authority	4,958.655
Outlays	5,082.455

REVISIONS TO ALLOCATIONS TO SENATE COMMITTEES
(Pursuant to Section 121(c) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023)
(\$ in billions)

	2024	2024–2028	2024–2033
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:			
Budget Authority	190.758	1,002.518	2,088.798
Outlays	191.517	972.954	1,974.649
Adjustments:			
Budget Authority	0	0	0
Outlays	0.159	0.048	0
Revised Allocation:			
Budget Authority	190.758	1,002.518	2,088.798
Outlays	191.676	973.002	1,974.649
Finance:			
Budget Authority	3,449.542	19,587.359	46,205.293
Outlays	3,458.396	19,589.773	46,198.480
Adjustments:			
Budget Authority	0.771	–1.818	–0.818
Outlays	0.484	–1.434	–0.818
Revised Allocation:			
Budget Authority	3,450.313	19,585.541	46,204.475
Outlays	3,458.880	19,588.339	46,197.662
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:			
Budget Authority	59.797	255.274	505.369
Outlays	85.647	295.807	521.863
Adjustments:			
Budget Authority	0.818	0.818	0.818
Outlays	0.311	0.818	0.818
Revised Allocation:			
Budget Authority	60.615	256.092	506.187
Outlays	85.958	296.625	522.681

Note: The adjustments represent the direct spending effects of Division B of H.R. 6363. Within the division, Title I is in the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Subtitle A of Title II is in the jurisdiction of the Committee on Health, Labor, Education, and Pensions. Subtitles B, C, and D of Title II are in the jurisdiction of the Committee on Finance.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. MARKEY. Madam President, I was necessarily absent, but had I been present, I would have voted yes on rollcall vote No. 314, the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Jeffrey M. Bryan, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

I was necessarily absent, but had I been present, I would have voted yes on rollcall vote No. 315, confirmation of Jeffrey M. Bryan, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

I was necessarily absent, but had I been present, I would have voted yes on rollcall vote No. 316, the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Margaret M. Garnett, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

I was necessarily absent, but had I been present, I would have voted yes on rollcall vote No. 317, confirmation of Margaret M. Garnett, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

I was necessarily absent, but had I been present, I would have voted yes on rollcall vote No. 318, the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Jose Javier Rodriguez to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

PANCREATIC DISEASE
AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. CASEY. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the month of November as Pancreatic Disease Awareness Month on behalf of Americans across the country suffering from pancreatic diseases.

Pancreatitis is inflammation of the pancreas, a large gland behind the stomach. The pancreas has two main functions, to make insulin and to make enzymes that help you digest food. Pancreatitis occurs when enzymes damage the pancreas. It can be acute or chronic, and either form can lead to pain, organ failure, diabetes, disability, and sometimes death.

There remains a troubling lack of awareness about conditions of the pancreas, such as knowing the signs and symptoms and proper treatment. This can lead to years of misdiagnosis and increasing severity of the disease.

While scientific progress has been made because of investment in medical research through the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense, treatment options for pancreatitis are limited. Chronic or severe cases may require organ removal or significant surgical procedures. I am proud to work with my colleagues on an annual basis to support and increase funding for Federal medical research programs to sustain progress toward innovative treatment options and better patient care.

In addition to limited treatment options, people affected by pancreatic diseases face challenges with health coverage and access to specialty care. Progress has been made with the enactment of legislation like the No Surprises Act and adoption of an out-of-pocket cap in Medicare part D through the Inflation Reduction Act, but more can be done to lower out-of-pocket costs.

As a member of the HELP, Finance, and Aging Committees, the three committees in the Senate that handle healthcare issues, I will continue to work with my colleagues to address coverage, access, and health equity issues impacting individuals affected by conditions of the pancreas, as well as patients across the country.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing November as National Pancreatic Disease Awareness Month.

TRIBUTE TO JONATHAN HOUSTON

Mr. REED. Madam President, today I pay tribute to a dear friend and one of Rhode Island's most thoughtful and visionary civic leaders, Jonathan "Jon" Houston. After 45 years of tireless advocacy, Jon will be relinquishing his role as executive chairman of Justice Assistance, the nonprofit organization he founded both to assist victims of crime and to provide meaningful support for ex-offenders.

I have been privileged to know Jon since our time together as students at

La Salle Academy in Providence, RI. After high school, Jon went on to graduate from the University of Rhode Island before completing advanced management certification programs at Harvard and Salve Regina University. He also served on a number of public safety boards and commissions in Rhode Island, but his vision in founding Justice Assistance in 1978 stands as a signature achievement in the area of criminal justice reform.

It is no small task to radically change the way we treat and look at victims of crime, nor is it easy to take on the challenges facing former offenders after they have completed their sentences, but that is why Jon has become such a respected figure in the community. He has dedicated his life to a problem that few others were stepping up to solve. And Justice Assistance has been enormously successful. According to the Providence Journal, Justice Assistance's sentencing alternative program—one of the organization's major initiatives—has collected over \$5 million in restitution on behalf of victims of crime, and 90 percent of its court-referred clients successfully complete its ex-offender intervention and support programs. Justice Assistance's success is a testament to Jon's tenacity and devotion.

Rhode Islanders have been fortunate to have Jon dedicate more than four decades to strengthening our communities and developing systems of support for those who may otherwise not have had any. I, too, have experienced Jon's knowledge, insights, and humility on criminal justice reform when I worked with him to increase Federal support for innovative and transformative solutions to recidivism and for victim protection.

Jon has undoubtedly made a mark on Rhode Island. His work and advocacy have directly impacted the lives of thousands who have come in contact with our criminal justice system. Through Justice Assistance, Jon's work will continue to improve lives of victims and offenders for years to come, but this won't be the only way his mission carries on after the mantle is passed. Jon was the primary author of the "Rights of Victims of Crime" amendment in the State constitution, the first constitutional amendment in the Nation dedicated to protecting the rights of crime victims. In a very literal sense, Jon's passion and words have been permanently added to the foundational document of the state.

I would also like to take the time to recognize Jon's wife Pamela, his daughter Shannon, and his son Adam. I join many others in the State in thanking Jon for his service to our communities and the well-being of those impacted by crime. I wish him fulfillment and continued success in his next chapter.

TRIBUTE TO PAT TOWELL, Ph.D.

Mr. REED. Madam President, I rise to honor William Patrick "Pat"

Towell, Ph.D., for his more than 17 years of service to Congress and the American people as a specialist in U.S. Defense Policy and Budget at the Congressional Research Service, CRS. Dr. Towell is widely recognized as a foremost defense policy expert. Senators, Members of Congress, and staff have all relied on his knowledge, expertise, and guidance at pivotal points in the development of the annual defense authorization and appropriations bills. Having served with CRS since 2006, Dr. Towell will retire at the end of this year.

Throughout his tenure at CRS, Dr. Towell has advised congressional leaders, Department of Defense civilian and military officials, and foreign dignitaries on a range of defense policy and budgetary matters. A political scientist by training, he has exhibited a profound respect for the institution of Congress and an encyclopedic knowledge of the events and political personalities that have shaped defense issues. In addition to coordinating and authoring reports on annual defense authorization and appropriations legislation, Dr. Towell has written insightfully about key strategic guidance documents such as the Quadrennial Defense Review and the National Defense Strategy. He has also provided analyses of the debates over how to best organize the Federal Government to address national security challenges, and he has closely monitored funding for post-9/11 military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Dr. Towell's vast knowledge of the history of congressional operations has been an important source of institutional memory, particularly for newer Members and staff seeking to understand the lessons that can be drawn from past debates. A gifted public speaker known for his humor, quick wit, and enthusiasm in discussing defense matters, Dr. Towell has often presented at CRS's new Member seminar, an orientation for new Members of Congress, in Williamsburg, VA. He has served as a CRS speaker or panelist for visiting delegations from the U.S. war colleges, the NATO Defense College, and foreign Parliaments sponsored by the House Democracy Partnership. Dr. Towell also has participated in a staff exchange with the European Parliamentary Research Service—EPRS—in Brussels. For many years, he helped to organize and present at CRS's annual defense budget seminar for congressional staff. Drawing on a deep professional network built over decades of experience in both journalism and policy, Dr. Towell has mentored colleagues in part by organizing internal discussions with various defense scholars and practitioners, from leading think tank experts to senior Defense Department civilian leaders.

Before joining CRS, Dr. Towell was a lecturer in political science at California State College, Bakersfield from 1972 to 1975, a defense reporter at Con-

gressional Quarterly from 1975 to 2003, and a fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments from 2003 to 2006. He received a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Georgetown University in Washington, DC; a master's degree in political science from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL; and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL.

On behalf of the U.S. Senate and the American people, I express deep gratitude for the contributions of Dr. Towell during his nearly two decades at CRS. Along with his family, friends, and colleagues, I thank him and wish him and his wife K.T. all the best in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO HENRIK MECINSKI

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Henrik for his hard work as an intern in the Senate Republican Conference. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Henrik is a native of New Jersey. He attends George Washington University, where he studies international affairs as well as law and society. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Henrik for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

TRIBUTE TO VIENNA SCOTT

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Vienna for her hard work as an intern in the Senate Republican Conference. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Vienna is a native of Connecticut. She recently graduated from Yale University with an undergraduate degree in religious studies and political science, as well as a masters in religion and literature. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Vienna for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

TRIBUTE TO EDEN SISKIND

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to

express my appreciation to Eden for her hard work as an intern in the Senate Republican Conference. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Eden is a native of New Jersey. She attends Cornell University, where she studies communications, as well as law and society. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Eden for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

TRIBUTE TO HANDEN TORSACK

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Handen for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Handen is a native of Utah. He is currently a senior at Utah Valley University, where he is studying political science. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Handen for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all the best on his journey.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DICKENS ON THE STRAND FESTIVAL

● Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, Texas is home to many unique festivals that celebrate the food, music, and culture that have shaped our State. This year marks the 50th anniversary of an event "Texas Monthly" once dubbed "one of the most beloved and bizarre holiday traditions in Texas"—Dickens on the Strand.

Each December, the Galveston Historical Foundation hosts the Dickens on the Strand Festival, which celebrates the life and work of renowned novelist Charles Dickens. Throughout its history, this holiday festival has played a critical role in revitalizing and restoring the Strand National Historic Landmark District. This year's festival is expected to welcome more than 50,000 guests to the island.

Though Charles Dickens never set foot in Galveston, his descendants have attended the festival every year since 1986, and this year will be no exception.