

ADDENDUM: SENATE AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE SPENDING
COMPARED TO ALLOCATIONS—Continued

(\$ in millions; positive numbers represent spending above enforceable limits)

	2024	2024–2028	2024–2033
Outlays	0	1	-1
Memo—all committees, total over allocation:			
Budget Authority	-2	-20	-44
Outlays	-2	-20	-44

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR NICK OLTMAN

Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Maj. Nick Oltman, U.S. Marine Corps, for his outstanding work on behalf of the people of Maine and the Nation as a 2023 Department of Defense legislative fellow serving in my Washington, DC, office. Over the past year, Nick has been integral in shaping my foreign policy and defense priorities. He helped secure several provisions in the fiscal year 2024 National Defense Authorization Act—FY24 NDAA—that will make our country stronger and safer. Nick led my staff in orchestrating important appropriations for the Department of Defense, Department of State, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, and the Office of National Drug Control Policy. His contributions to office morale and our collective work product are emblematic of his good character, competence, and strong work ethic.

Throughout his tenure in my Office, Nick demonstrated a level of professionalism and hard work I have come to expect—but not take for granted—from Department of Defense legislative fellows. Indeed, he follows a long line of accomplished military officers who have made impactful contributions to my office and U.S. national security policy. Over the year, Nick prepared and advised me on wide-ranging and complex matters under consideration before the Senate Armed Services Committee. His attention to detail served me well; Nick managed over 400 individual authorization and appropriation requests, 455 markup amendments, and over 900 floor amendments. He brought his cybersecurity and budget expertise to assist me in the Strategic Forces Subcommittee briefings and deliberations, which resulted in important funding authorizations and legislation. He authored and shepherded a provision in the final act that establishes an artificial intelligence watermark competition across the private sector and Federal Government. Nick's outstanding leadership showed in his work with constituents and while securing legislation to address changes to basic allowance for housing and oversight of the transition assistance program.

Further, he authored sections of legislative text and report language, including one of my top concerns regarding hypersonic defense and securing important funding for advanced research impacting Maine from Aroostook to York County. In addition, he became my go-to lead for monitoring

the horrific wars in Ukraine and Israel, providing clear-headed and thoughtful analysis, and liaised with representatives from the White House, State Department, and Department of Defense to convey my positions and concerns. His candor and honest assessments provided critical insights during this fraught time in U.S. history, and our Nation is better because of it.

On behalf of my colleagues in the U.S. Congress, I extend my deepest gratitude to Major Oltman for his unwavering dedication to my staff, the State of Maine, the U.S. Marine Corps, and our Nation. The greatness of the U.S. military is built on the service and sacrifice of servicemembers like Major Oltman. His commitment is not a solitary endeavor, and I want to acknowledge the support of his family: his wife Meghan and his son Sean. I wish them all the best as they embark on what I am certain is a bright future.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING HARVEY JAMES
MUNFORD

● Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the life of Harvey James Munford, an exemplary Nevadan that served his State as an educator and coach for 36 years and as an elected State assemblyman for over a decade. Mr. Munford peacefully passed away at the age of 83 on October 26, 2023, at his Las Vegas, NV, home.

Mr. Munford led a remarkable life with many professional and personal achievements. As the first African American to attend Montana State University Billings, Mr. Munford showed exceptional courage while paving the way for other African Americans to follow in his footsteps. Mr. Munford attended college on a basketball scholarship, but he never neglected his studies and earned a bachelor's degree in biology and physical education. He went on to earn a master's degree in political science and guidance and counseling, also at MSU Billings. In 1994, Mr. Munford was honored with an induction into the MSU Billings Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mr. Munford's athletic talent extended far beyond college, as he played professional basketball for the Los Angeles Lakers and was drafted for professional football by the Los Angeles Rams. However, Mr. Munford's passion for education caused him to relocate to Las Vegas, where he served as an educator for the Clark County School District, College of Southern Nevada, and University of Nevada, Las Vegas. During his decades-long career in the Clark County School District, Mr. Munford had the opportunity to accompany over 200 students to Washington, DC, to explore the Nation's Capital and experience firsthand how the Federal Government works.

After officially retiring as an educator, Mr. Munford became a public serv-

ant and was an elected State assemblyman for Clark County District 6, where he served from 2004 to 2016. During his time as a legislator, Mr. Munford was a passionate civil rights and education advocate. He helped pass numerous bills, including multicultural education and the passage of Juneteenth as an official holiday in the State of Nevada. It is evident Mr. Munford's work in the State assembly was guided by his desire to have a positive lasting impact on the lives of all Nevadans.

Beyond Mr. Munford's extensive professional achievements, he was a dedicated family man. Mr. Munford was married to his wife Viviana for 29 years and had five children and stepchildren, in addition to 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr. Munford was also a talented organist and equine trainer, and he enjoyed watching old Western movies, historical documentaries, and sports.

Mr. Munford was a husband, father, grandfather, educator, civil servant, civil rights activist, athlete, and Nevadan. Mr. Munford left a positive lasting impact on the lives of many Nevadans, and I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Mr. Munford for his significant impact in the State. I celebrate Mr. Munford's legacy, and I extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends.●

TRIBUTE TO JAMES M. COOPER

● Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the service of Mr. JAMES M. Cooper to Indiana's State banking system and in recognition of his retirement from the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, or CSBS. Jim has been an essential member of the CSBS team for over 10 years, first leading the CSBS policy and supervision team and, for the past 18 months, serving as president and chief executive officer of CSBS, bringing direction, leadership, and compassion after the sudden death of former CSBS president and chief executive officer John W. Ryan.

During his tenure, Jim helped to advance the State system's strategy for strengthening and streamlining State regulation, known as Networked Supervision, and provided stability during a time of stress for the banking system. Jim brought innovation to State supervision and CSBS's core mission, particularly advancing data and analytics for the State system.

In Jim's 40-year career, he proved himself to be a dedicated public servant to the State of Indiana. After graduating from Hanover College in Hanover, IN, he had a distinguished 30-year career at the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions, where he served as deputy director from 1994 to 2013. In that role, he oversaw the supervision and examination of all State-chartered depository institutions in Indiana, including banks, credit unions, corporate fiduciaries, savings banks, and savings associations.

Throughout his career, Jim has worked diligently to ensure a safe and sound financial services environment, including during the most tumultuous times in our economy. During the great recession and the more recent 2023 bank closures, Jim showed his steadfast ability to manage a difficult situation and minimize the effects of disruption within the industry.

I know Jim will be missed by CSBS and the entire State banking system, and I wish him the best in his retirement.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1147. An act to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow schools that participate in the school lunch program under such Act to serve whole milk.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2670) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 1:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2670. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

At 4:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2365. An act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a national project to prevent, diagnose, treat, and cure Parkinson's, to be known as the National Parkinson's Project, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4303, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Mr. Bucshon of Indiana, and Ms. McCollum of Minnesota.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 2406(b)(3) of Public Law 116-9, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Adams Memorial Commission: Mr. Griffith of Virginia, Mr. Moolenaar of Michigan, Mr. Lynch of Massachusetts, and Mr. Connolly of Virginia.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 313 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2 U.S.C. 1151), as amended by section 1601 of Public Law 111-68, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: Mr. Bacon of Nebraska.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Mr. Norcross of New Jersey.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4703(b) of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Act (20 U.S.C. 4703), the Majority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation: Mr. Glenn Grothman of Wisconsin.

The message further announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4412, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development: Mr. Cole of Oklahoma and Ms. Leger Fernandez of New Mexico.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2365. An act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a national project to prevent, diagnose, treat,

and cure Parkinson's, to be known as the National Parkinson's Project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1147. An act to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow schools that participate in the school lunch program under such Act to serve whole milk.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 14, 2023, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 32. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. VANCE:

S. 3514. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the excise tax on net investment income of certain private colleges and universities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RUSCH):

S. 3515. A bill to improve communication between the United States Postal Service and local communities relating to the relocation and establishment of Postal Service retail service facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VANCE:

S. 3516. A bill to impose a fee on certain remittance transfers to fund border security; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3517. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 3518. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to make grants to eligible entities to assist certain individuals in reentering a secondary school or a high school equivalency program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 3519. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance on whether hospital emergency departments should implement fentanyl testing as a routine procedure for patients experiencing an overdose, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.