

SA 159. Mr. OBAMA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 160. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 161. Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 162. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 163. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 164. Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 165. Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 166. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 167. Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 168. Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. CORZINE) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 169. Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. STABENOW) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 170. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 171. Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. VITTER, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

SA 172. Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 144.** Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 57, after line 2, insert the following:

#### “SEC. . POINT OF ORDER TO SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY FIRST.

(a) POINT OF ORDER IN THE SENATE.—It shall not be in order in the Senate to consider any direct spending or revenue legislation that would increase the on-budget deficit in any fiscal year.

(b) EXCEPTION.—The point of order established by this section shall not apply if 75-year solvency has been restored to the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Trust Funds as determined by the Social Security Administration actuaries.

(c) SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.—This section may be waived or suspended in the Senate only by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and sworn. An affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required in the Senate to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under this section.”

**SA 145.** Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 65, after line 25, insert the following:

#### SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE IN SUPPORT OF SOCIAL SECURITY.

It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should reject any Social Security plan that requires deep benefit cuts or a massive increase in debt, and a failure to act by 2042 would result in deep benefit cuts; therefore Congress should take action to address Social Security solvency.

**SA 146.** Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. VITTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. TALENT, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 40, line 22, strike “\$23,393,000,000” and insert “\$37,393,000,000”.

On page 57, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

#### SEC. 409. INCLUSION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY, ACCOUNT IN ACCOUNTS IDENTIFIED FOR ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS.

The accounts identified in the joint explanatory statement of managers to accompany this resolution under the heading “Accounts Identified for Advance Appropriations” shall include the “Department of Defense, Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy” account.

**SA 147.** Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. DAYTON) proposed an amendment

to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 3 line 10, increase the amount by \$451,000,000.

On page 3 line 11, increase the amount by \$1,145,000,000.

On page 3 line 12, increase the amount by \$850,000,000.

On page 3 line 13, increase the amount by \$521,000,000.

On page 3 line 14, increase the amount by \$285,000,000.

On page 3 line 19, increase the amount by \$451,000,000.

On page 3 line 20, increase the amount by \$1,145,000,000.

On page 3 line 21, increase the amount by \$850,000,000.

On page 4 line 1, increase the amount by \$521,000,000.

On page 4 line 2, increase the amount by \$285,000,000.

On page 4 line 7, increase the amount by \$1,626,000,000.

On page 4 line 16, increase the amount by \$225,000,000.

On page 4 line 17, increase the amount by \$572,000,000.

On page 4 line 18, increase the amount by \$425,000,000.

On page 4 line 19, increase the amount by \$261,000,000.

On page 4 line 20, increase the amount by \$143,000,000.

On page 4 line 24, increase the amount by \$226,000,000.

On page 4 line 25, increase the amount by \$573,000,000.

On page 5 line 1, increase the amount by \$425,000,000.

On page 5 line 2, increase the amount by \$260,000,000.

On page 5 line 3, increase the amount by \$142,000,000.

On page 5 line 7, decrease the amount by \$226,000,000.

On page 5 line 8, decrease the amount by \$799,000,000.

On page 5 line 9, decrease the amount by \$1,224,000,000.

On page 5 line 10, decrease the amount by \$1,484,000,000.

On page 5 line 11, decrease the amount by \$1,626,000,000.

On page 5 line 15, decrease the amount by \$226,000,000.

On page 5 line 16, decrease the amount by \$799,000,000.

On page 5 line 17, decrease the amount by \$1,224,000,000.

On page 5 line 18, decrease the amount by \$1,484,000,000.

On page 5 line 19, decrease the amount by \$1,626,000,000.

On page 16 line 15, increase the amount by \$603,000,000.

On page 16 line 16, increase the amount by \$49,000,000.

On page 16 line 20, increase the amount by \$275,000,000.

On page 16 line 24, increase the amount by \$196,000,000.

On page 17 line 3, increase the amount by \$83,000,000.

On page 23 line 16, increase the amount by \$1,023,000,000.

On page 23 line 17, increase the amount by \$176,000,000.

On page 23 line 21, increase the amount by \$297,000,000.

On page 23 line 25, increase the amount by \$229,000,000.

On page 24 line 4, increase the amount by \$178,000,000.

On page 24 line 8, increase the amount by \$143,000,000.

On page 30 line 16, decrease the amount by \$451,000,000.

On page 30 line 17, decrease the amount by \$3,252,000,000.

On page 48 line 6, increase the amount by \$1,626,000,000.

On page 48 line 7, increase the amount by \$225,000,000.

**SA 148.** Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE FAMILY OPPORTUNITY ACT.**

In the Senate, if the Committee on Finance reports a bill or joint resolution or an amendment is offered thereto or a conference report is submitted thereon, that provides families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid coverage for such children (the Family Opportunity Act), and provided that the committee is within its allocation as provided under section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the chairman of the Committee on the Budget may revise allocations of new budget authority and outlays, revenue aggregates, and other appropriate measures to reflect such legislation if any such measure would not increase the deficit for fiscal year 2006 and for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2010.

**SA 149.** Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$5,112,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$1,377,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$109,000,000.

On page 3, line 13, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$5,112,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$1,377,000,000.

On page 3, line 21, increase the amount by \$109,000,000.

On page 4, line 1, increase the amount by \$10,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$2,840,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$2,556,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$689,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$55,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$5,000,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$2,556,000,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$688,000,000.

On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$54,000,000.

On page 5, line 2, increase the amount by \$5,000,000.

On page 5, line 7, decrease the amount by \$2,556,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, decrease the amount by \$3,244,000,000.

On page 5, line 9, decrease the amount by \$3,298,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, decrease the amount by \$3,303,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, decrease the amount by \$3,303,000,000.

On page 5, line 15, decrease the amount by \$2,556,000,000.

On page 5, line 16, decrease the amount by \$3,244,000,000.

On page 5, line 17, decrease the amount by \$3,298,000,000.

On page 5, line 18, decrease the amount by \$3,303,000,000.

On page 5, line 19, decrease the amount by \$3,303,000,000.

On page 22, line 16, increase the amount by \$2,840,000,000.

On page 22, line 17, increase the amount by \$2,556,000,000.

On page 22, line 21, increase the amount by \$689,000,000.

On page 22, line 25, increase the amount by \$55,000,000.

On page 23, line 4, increase the amount by \$5,000,000.

On page 30, line 16, decrease the amount by \$5,112,000,000.

On page 30, line 17, decrease the amount by \$6,608,000,000.

On page 48, line 6, increase the amount by \$2,840,000,000.

On page 48, line 7, increase the amount by \$2,556,000,000.

**SA 150.** Mr. DEMINT proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should reject any Social Security plan that requires deep benefit cuts or a massive increase in debt, and a failure to act would result in massive debt, deep benefit cuts and tax increases.

**SA 151.** Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3 line 10, increase the amount by \$240,000,000.

On page 3 line 11, increase the amount by \$560,000,000.

On page 3 line 12, increase the amount by \$500,000,000.

On page 3 line 13, increase the amount by \$400,000,000.

On page 3 line 14, increase the amount by \$300,000,000.

On page 3 line 19, increase the amount by \$240,000,000.

On page 3 line 20, increase the amount by \$560,000,000.

On page 3 line 21, increase the amount by \$500,000,000.

On page 4 line 1, increase the amount by \$400,000,000.

On page 4 line 2, increase the amount by \$300,000,000.

On page 4 line 7, increase the amount by \$1,000,000,000.

On page 4 line 16, increase the amount by \$120,000,000.

On page 4 line 17, increase the amount by \$280,000,000.

On page 4 line 18, increase the amount by \$250,000,000.

On page 4 line 19, increase the amount by \$200,000,000.

On page 4 line 20, increase the amount by \$150,000,000.

On page 4 line 24, increase the amount by \$120,000,000.

On page 4 line 25, increase the amount by \$280,000,000.

On page 5 line 1, increase the amount by \$250,000,000.

On page 5 line 2, increase the amount by \$200,000,000.

On page 5 line 3, increase the amount by \$150,000,000.

On page 5 line 7, decrease the amount by \$120,000,000.

On page 5 line 8, decrease the amount by \$400,000,000.

On page 5 line 9, decrease the amount by \$650,000,000.

On page 5 line 10, decrease the amount by \$850,000,000.

On page 5 line 11, decrease the amount by \$1,000,000,000.

On page 5 line 15, decrease the amount by \$120,000,000.

On page 5 line 16, decrease the amount by \$400,000,000.

On page 5 line 17, decrease the amount by \$650,000,000.

On page 5 line 18, decrease the amount by \$850,000,000.

On page 5 line 19, decrease the amount by \$1,000,000,000.

On page 23 line 16, increase the amount by \$1,000,000,000.

On page 23 line 17, increase the amount by \$120,000,000.

On page 23 line 21, increase the amount by \$280,000,000.

On page 23 line 25, increase the amount by \$250,000,000.

On page 24 line 4, increase the amount by \$200,000,000.

On page 24 line 8, increase the amount by \$150,000,000.

On page 30 line 16, decrease the amount by \$240,000,000.

On page 30 line 17, decrease the amount by \$2,000,000,000.

On page 48 line 6, increase the amount by \$1,000,000,000.

On page 48 line 7, increase the amount by \$120,000,000.

On page 65, after line 25 insert the following:

FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES PROGRAMS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) State and local law enforcement officers provide essential services that preserve and protect our freedom and safety;

(2) with the support of the Community Oriented Policing Services program (referred to this section as the "COPS program"), State and local law enforcement officers have succeeded in dramatically reducing violent crime;

(3) on July 15, 2002, the Attorney General stated, "Since law enforcement agencies began partnering with citizens through community policing, we've seen significant drops in crime rates. COPS provides resources that reflect our national priority of terrorism prevention.";

(4) on February 26, 2002, the Attorney General stated, "The COPS program has been a miraculous sort of success. It's one of those things that Congress hopes will happen when it sets up a program.";

(5) the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Assistant Director for the Office of Law Enforcement Coordination has stated, "The FBI fully understands that our success in the fight against terrorism is directly related to the strength of our relationship with our State and local partners.";

(6) a 2003 study of the 44 largest metropolitan police departments found that 27 of them have reduced force levels;

(7) shortages of officers and increased homeland security duties has forced many local police agencies to rely on overtime and abandon effective, preventative policing practices. And, as a result police chiefs from around the nation are reporting increased gang activity and other troubling crime indicators,

(8) several studies have concluded that the implementation of community policing as a law enforcement strategy is an important factor in the reduction of crime in our communities;

(9) In addition, experts at the Brookings Institute have concluded that community policing programs are critical to our success in the war against terrorism.

(10) the continuation and full funding of the COPS program through fiscal year 2010 is supported by several major law enforcement organizations, including—

(A) the International Association of Chiefs of Police;

(B) the International Brotherhood of Police Officers;

(C) the Fraternal Order of Police;

(D) the National Sheriffs' Association;

(E) the National Troopers Coalition;

(F) the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association;

(G) the National Association of Police Organizations;

(H) the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives;

(I) the Police Executive Research Forum; and

(J) the Major Cities Chiefs;

(11) Congress appropriated \$928,912,000 for the COPS program for fiscal year 2003, \$756,283,000 for fiscal year 2004, and \$499,364,000 for fiscal year 2005, and (12) the President requested \$117,781,000 for the COPS program for fiscal year 2006, \$381,583,000 less than the amount appropriated for fiscal year 2004.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the levels in this resolution assume that an increase of \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Justice's community oriented policing program will be provided without reduction and consistent with previous appropriated and authorized levels.

**SA 152.** Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. SANTORUM) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

At the end of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING SOCIAL SECURITY RESTRUCTURING.**

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) Social Security is the foundation of retirement income for most Americans;

(2) preserving and strengthening the long term viability of Social Security is a vital national priority and is essential for the retirement security of today's working Americans, current and future retirees, and their families;

(3) Social Security faces significant fiscal and demographic pressures;

(4) the nonpartisan Office of the Chief Actuary at the Social Security Administration reports that—

(A) the number of workers paying taxes to support each Social Security beneficiary has dropped from 16.5 in 1950 to 3.3 in 2002;

(B) within a generation there will be only 2 workers to support each retiree, which will substantially increase the financial burden on American workers;

(C) without structural reform, the Social Security system, beginning in 2018, will pay out more in benefits than it will collect in taxes;

(D) without structural reform, the Social Security trust fund will be exhausted in 2042, and Social Security tax revenue in 2042 will only cover 73 percent of promised benefits, and will decrease to 68 percent by 2078;

(E) without structural reform, future Congresses may have to raise payroll taxes 50 percent over the next 75 years to pay full benefits on time, resulting in payroll tax rates of as much as 16.9 percent by 2042 and 18.3 percent by 2078;

(F) without structural reform, Social Security's total cash shortfall over the next 75 years is estimated to be more than \$25,000,000,000,000 in constant 2004 dollars or \$3,700,000,000,000 measured in present value terms; and

(G) absent structural reforms, spending on Social Security will increase from 4.3 percent of gross domestic product in 2004 to 6.6 percent in 2078; and

(5) the Congressional Budget Office, the Government Accountability Office, the Congressional Research Service, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security have all warned that failure to enact fiscally responsible Social Security reform quickly will result in 1 or more of the following:

(A) Higher tax rates.

(B) Lower Social Security benefit levels.

(C) Increased Federal debt or less spending on other federal programs.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the President, the Congress, and the American people including seniors, workers, women, minorities, and disabled persons should work together at the earliest opportunity to enact legislation to achieve a solvent and permanently sustainable Social Security system;

(2) Social Security reform—

(A) must protect current and near retirees from any changes to Social Security benefits;

(B) must reduce the pressure on future taxpayers and on other budgetary priorities;

(C) must provide benefit levels that adequately reflect individual contributions to the Social Security system; and

(D) must preserve and strengthen the safety net for vulnerable populations including the disabled and survivors; and

(3) the Senate should honor section 13301 of the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990.

**SA 153.** Mr. DEWINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S.

Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING CHILDREN WITH HIV/AIDS.**

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) Approximately 2,200,000 million children under the age of 15 are infected with the HIV virus, and 1,900 children worldwide are infected with HIV each day.

(2) In 2004, it was estimated that of the 4,900,000 people newly infected with HIV, 640,000 were children. The vast majority of them were infected through mother-to-child transmission, which includes transmission at any point during pregnancy, labor, delivery, or breastfeeding.

(3) Effective implementation of prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and care and treatment services in the United States has resulted in the near elimination (less than 2 percent transmission) of mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS. By contrast, in resource-poor settings less than 10 percent of pregnant women living with HIV have access to services to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

(4) Currently, more than 4,000,000 children worldwide are estimated to have died from AIDS.

(5) In 2004, approximately 510,000 children died of AIDS, resulting in almost 1,400 AIDS deaths in children per day.

(6) According to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, if current trends continue by 2010, 3,500,000 of the 45,000,000 people infected worldwide will be children under the age of 15.

(7) At least a quarter of newborns infected with HIV die before the age of one, up to 60 percent die before reaching their second birthday, and overall, most die before they are 5 years of age.

(8) HIV threatens to reverse the child survival and developmental gains of past decades.

(9) Research and practice have shown conclusively that timely initiation of antiretroviral therapy to infants or young children with HIV/AIDS can preserve or restore their immune functions, promote normal growth and development, and prolong life.

(10) There is clear evidence in resource-rich countries that antiretroviral treatment in children is very effective. For example, many children who were infected through mother-to-child transmission in the United States are living with HIV as young adults.

(11) Few programs specifically target the treatment of children with HIV/AIDS in resource-poor countries due to significant challenges in diagnosing and treating infants and young children with HIV. Such challenges include difficulty in diagnosing HIV in infants less than 18 months of age, lack of appropriate and affordable pediatric HIV/AIDS medicines, and lack of trained health care providers.

(12) Children are not small adults and treating them as such can seriously jeopardize their health.

(13) Children should not be forgotten in the fight against the global HIV/AIDS pandemic.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that this resolution assumes that—

(1)(A) assistance should be provided to support the expansion of programs to prevent

mother-to-child transmission of HIV as an integral component of a comprehensive approach to fighting HIV/AIDS;

(B) to facilitate the expansion described in subparagraph (A)—

(i) more resources are needed for infrastructure improvements and education and training of health care workers; and

(ii) better linkages between mother-to-child transmission and broader care and treatment programs should be created for women, children, and families who are in need of access to expanded services;

(2) assistance should be provided to support the care and treatment of children with HIV/AIDS, including the development and purchase of high-quality, low-cost pediatric formulations of antiretroviral drugs and other HIV/AIDS medicines, including fixed-dose combinations, pediatric-specific training to doctors and other health-care personnel, and the purchase of pediatric-appropriate technologies;

(3) all antiretroviral drugs need precise and simplified dosing guidelines for all pediatric age groups, including infants, and all HIV/AIDS drugs including those developed for children should be made available at drastically-reduced prices in resource-poor countries;

(4) health care sites in resource-poor countries need better diagnostic capacity and appropriate supplies to provide care and treatment services for children, and additional training is required to ensure that all health care providers can administer specialized care services for children, including psychosocial support; and

(5) pediatric care and treatment should be integrated into the existing health care framework so children and families can be treated simultaneously.

**SA 154.** Mrs. CLINTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title III, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SENATE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS STUDIES.**

It is the Sense of the Senate that—

(1) the overall discretionary levels set in this resolution assume \$75,000,000 in new budget authority in fiscal year 2006 and new outlays that flow from this budget authority in fiscal year 2006 and subsequent years, to fund additional research and ongoing systematic reviews in the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality; and

(2) in addition to the efforts currently undertaken by the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality that are designed to improve scientific evidence related to the comparative effectiveness and safety of prescription drugs and other treatments and to disseminate the findings and underlying data from such research to health care practitioners, consumers, and health care purchasers, knowledge gaps identified through such efforts should be the focus of additional research efforts to ensure that the goals of the relevant authorizing legislation are met.

**SA 155.** Mrs. CLINTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States

Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DEFICIT NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR INFLUENZA VACCINE SHORTAGE PREVENTION.**

If the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate reports a bill or joint resolution, or an amendment thereto is offered or a conference report thereon is submitted, that increases the participation of manufacturers in the production of influenza vaccine, increases research and innovation in new technologies for the development of influenza vaccine, and enhances the ability of the United States to track and respond to domestic influenza outbreaks as well as pandemic containment efforts, the chairman of the Committee on the Budget shall revise committee allocations for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and other appropriate budgetary aggregates and allocations of new budget authority and outlays by the amount provided by that measure for that purpose, regardless of whether the committee is within its 302(a) allocations, and such legislation shall be exempt from sections 302, 303, 311, and 425 of the Congressional Budget Act, and from section 505 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004 (H. Con. Res. 95), if that measure would not increase the deficit for fiscal year 2006 and for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2010.

**SA 156.** Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. REED, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DODD, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BAUCUS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3 line 10, increase the amount by \$427,000,000.

On page 3 line 11, increase the amount by \$627,000,000.

On page 3 line 12, increase the amount by \$455,000,000.

On page 3 line 13, increase the amount by \$214,000,000.

On page 3 line 14, increase the amount by \$103,000,000.

On page 3 line 19, increase the amount by \$427,000,000.

On page 3 line 20, increase the amount by \$627,000,000.

On page 3 line 21, increase the amount by \$455,000,000.

On page 4 line 1, increase the amount by \$214,000,000.

On page 4 line 2, increase the amount by \$103,000,000.

On page 4 line 7, increase the amount by \$1,890,000,000.

On page 4 line 16, increase the amount by \$427,000,000.

On page 4 line 17, increase the amount by \$627,000,000.

On page 4 line 18, increase the amount by \$455,000,000.

On page 4 line 19, increase the amount by \$214,000,000.

On page 4 line 20, increase the amount by \$103,000,000.

On page 16 line 15, increase the amount by \$1,219,000,000.

On page 16 line 16, increase the amount by \$38,000,000.

On page 16 line 20, increase the amount by \$365,000,000.

On page 16 line 24, increase the amount by \$442,000,000.

On page 17 line 3, increase the amount by \$207,000,000.

On page 17 line 7, increase the amount by \$103,000,000.

On page 17 line 16, increase the amount by \$671,000,000.

On page 17 line 17, increase the amount by \$389,000,000.

On page 17 line 21, increase the amount by \$262,000,000.

On page 17 line 25, increase the amount by \$13,000,000.

On page 18 line 4, increase the amount by \$7,000,000.

On page 30 line 16, decrease the amount by \$427,000,000.

On page 30 line 17, decrease the amount by \$1,826,000,000.

On page 48 line 6, increase the amount by \$1,890,000,000.

On page 48 line 7, increase the amount by \$427,000,000.

**SA 157.** Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 65, after line 25, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING FOREIGN-OWNED DEBT.**

It is the sense of the Senate that the Comptroller General should conduct a study to examine the economic impact of United States publicly-held debt that is held by foreign governments, institutions, and individuals. The study should provide an analysis of the following:

(1) The amount of foreign-owned debt dating back to 1980, broken down by foreign governments, foreign institutions, and foreign private investors, and expressed in nominal terms and as a percentage of the total amount of publicly-held debt in each year.

(2) The economic impact that the increased foreign ownership of United States publicly-held debt has had on the ability of the United States to maintain a stable dollar policy.

(3) The impact that foreign ownership of United States publicly-held debt has had, or could have, on United States trade policy.

(4) What entities (i.e. individuals, corporations, or foreign governments) own United States publicly-held debt that exist in Caribbean banking centers.

(5) The implicit tax burden that results from foreign debt holdings, specifically the per capita amount that a United States taxpayer will pay in annual Federal income taxes to service the foreign debt during each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010.

**SA 158.** Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY,

Mr. OBAMA, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. INOUE) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$1,040,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$1,040,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,040,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,040,000,000.

On page 15, line 15, increase the amount by \$1,040,000,000.

On page 15, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,040,000,000.

On page 48, line 6, increase the amount by \$1,040,000,000.

On page 48, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,040,000,000.

**SA 159.** Mr. OBAMA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, line 15, increase the amount by \$25,000,000.

On page 9, line 16, increase the amount by \$6,000,000.

On page 9, line 20, increase the amount by \$11,000,000.

On page 9, line 24, increase the amount by \$5,000,000.

On page 10, line 3, increase the amount by \$2,000,000.

On page 26, line 14, decrease the amount by \$25,000,000.

On page 26, line 15, decrease the amount by \$6,000,000.

On page 26, line 18, decrease the amount by \$11,000,000.

On page 26, line 21, decrease the amount by \$5,000,000.

On page 26, line 24, decrease the amount by \$2,000,000.

**SA 160.** Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, line 15, increase the amount by \$44,000,000.

On page 9, line 16, increase the amount by \$40,000,000.

On page 9, line 20, increase the amount by \$3,000,000.

On page 9, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,000,000.

On page 26, line 14, decrease the amount by \$44,000,000.

On page 26, line 15, decrease the amount by \$40,000,000.

On page 26, line 18, decrease the amount by \$3,000,000.

On page 26, line 21, decrease the amount by \$1,000,000.

**SA 161.** Mr. DeWINE (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, line 15, increase the amount by \$334,000,000.

On page 9, line 16, increase the amount by \$67,000,000.

On page 9, line 20, increase the amount by \$150,000,000.

On page 9, line 24, increase the amount by \$62,000,000.

On page 10, line 3, increase the amount by \$29,000,000.

On page 10, line 7, increase the amount by \$13,000,000.

On page 26, line 14, decrease the amount by \$334,000,000.

On page 26, line 15, decrease the amount by \$67,000,000.

On page 26, line 18, decrease the amount by \$150,000,000.

On page 26, line 21, decrease the amount by \$62,000,000.

On page 26, line 24, decrease the amount by \$29,000,000.

On page 27, line 2, decrease the amount by \$13,000,000.

**SA 162.** Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 23, line 16, increase the amount by \$352,400,000.

On page 23, line 17, increase the amount by \$317,000,000.

On page 23, line 21, increase the amount by \$35,400,000.

On page 9, line 15, decrease the amount by \$352,400,000.

On page 9, line 16, decrease the amount by \$317,000,000.

On page 9, line 20, decrease the amount by \$35,400,000.

**SA 163.** Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE FAMILY OPPORTUNITY ACT.**

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—  
(1) the CARE Act, which represents a part of the President's faith-based initiative, will spur charitable giving and assist faith-based and community organizations that serve the needy;

(2) more than 1,600 small and large organizations from around the Nation have en-

dorsed the CARE Act, and in the 108th Congress the CARE Act had bipartisan support and was sponsored by 23 Senators;

(3) although the CARE Act passed the Senate on April 9, 2003, by a vote of 95 to 5, and the House of Representatives passed companion legislation on September 17, 2003, by a vote of 408 to 13, a conference committee on the CARE Act was never formed and a final version was not passed in the 108th Congress; and

(4) charities around the Nation continue to struggle, and the passage of the incentives for charitable giving contained in the CARE Act would provide significant dollars in private and public sector assistance to those in need.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that a relevant portion of amounts in this budget resolution providing for tax relief should be used—

(1) to provide the 86,000,000 Americans who do not itemize deductions an opportunity to deduct charitable contributions;

(2) to provide incentives for individuals to give tax free contributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes;

(3) to provide incentives for an estimated \$2,000,000,000 in food donations from farmers, restaurants, and corporations to help the needy, an equivalent of 878,000,000 meals for hungry Americans over 10 years;

(4) to provide at least 300,000 low-income, working Americans the opportunity to build assets through individual development accounts or IDAs, which can be used to purchase a home, expand educational opportunity, or to start a small business; and

(5) to provide incentives for corporate charitable contributions.

**SA 164.** Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:  
**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE FAMILY OPPORTUNITY ACT.**

In the Senate, if the Committee on Finance reports a bill or joint resolution or an amendment is offered thereto or a conference report is submitted thereon, that provides families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid coverage for such children (the Family Opportunity Act), and provided that the committee is within its allocation as provided under section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the chairman of the Committee on the Budget may revise allocations of new budget authority and outlays, revenue aggregates, and other appropriate measures to reflect such legislation if any such measure would not increase the deficit for fiscal year 2006 and for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2010.

**SA 165.** Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010;

which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 40, after line 8, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . RESERVE FUND FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF THE BEST POSSIBLE PRICE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS UNDER MEDICARE PART D.**

The Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget may revise the aggregates, allocations, functional totals, and other appropriate levels and limits in this resolution upon enactment of legislation that allows the Secretary of Health and Human Services to participate in negotiations to achieve the best possible prices for prescription drugs provided under part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act through fallback prescription drug plans, and through prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans (if requested by such plans), and in other circumstances, by the amount of savings in that legislation, to ensure that those savings are reserved for deficit reduction.

**SA 166.** Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$1,800,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$3,900,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$3,700,000,000.

On page 3, line 13, increase the amount by \$3,900,000,000.

On page 3, line 14, increase the amount by \$4,000,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$1,800,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$3,900,000,000.

On page 3, line 21, increase the amount by \$3,700,000,000.

On page 4, line 1, increase the amount by \$3,900,000,000.

On page 4, line 2, increase the amount by \$4,000,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,800,000,000.

On page 4, line 8, increase the amount by \$3,900,000,000.

On page 4, line 9, increase the amount by \$3,700,000,000.

On page 4, line 10, increase the amount by \$3,900,000,000.

On page 4, line 11, increase the amount by \$4,000,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,800,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$3,900,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$3,700,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$3,900,000,000.

On page 4, line 20, increase the amount by \$4,000,000,000.

On page 20, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,800,000,000.

On page 20, line 17, increase the amount by \$1,800,000,000.

On page 20, line 20, increase the amount by \$3,900,000,000.

On page 20, line 21, increase the amount by \$3,900,000,000.

On page 20, line 24, increase the amount by \$3,700,000,000.

On page 20, line 25, increase the amount by \$3,700,000,000.

On page 21, line 3, increase the amount by \$3,900,000,000.

On page 21, line 4, increase the amount by \$3,900,000,000.

On page 21, line 7, increase the amount by \$4,000,000,000.

On page 21, line 8, increase the amount by \$4,000,000,000.

On page 30, line 16, decrease the amount by \$1,800,000,000.

On page 30, line 17, decrease the amount by \$17,300,000,000.

At the end of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE REDUCTION OF CHILD POVERTY.**

(a) FINDINGS—The Senate makes the following findings:

1. Nearly 13 million American children younger than 18—nearly one in five—live below the poverty line;

2. The parents of poor children are playing by the rules and still can't get ahead since seven out of ten poor children live in a working family, and almost one poor child in three lives with a full-time year-round worker;

3. Poor children are at least twice as likely as non-poor children to suffer stunted growth or lead poisoning, or to be kept back in school; poor children score significantly lower on reading, math, and vocabulary tests when compared with otherwise-similar non-poor children; and more than half of poor Americans experience serious deprivations during the year, including lack of food, utility shutoffs, crowded or substandard housing, or lack of a stove or refrigerator.

4. Eighteen percent of children are hungry or on the verge of hunger—largely because they are living in poverty. Hungry children lack nutrients vital to healthy brain development; have difficulty focusing their attention and concentrating in school; often have greater emotional and behavioral problems; have weaker immune systems and are more susceptible to infections, including anemia; and often suffer from obesity;

5. Child poverty has risen significantly—by 1.3 million—since 2000.

6. The poverty rate for children in the United States is substantially higher than that of other major industrialized nations.

7. America's children are more likely to live in poverty than Americans in any other age group.

8. African-American and Latino children are much more likely to live in poverty than white children. One third of African-American children are low-income, as are nearly a third of Latino children.

9. Great Britain made a public commitment to cut child poverty in half in 10 years, and end child poverty by 2020, and they have already successfully lifted 2 million children out of poverty.

10. Poverty is a moral issue and the Congress has a moral obligation to address it.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE—It is the sense of the Senate that the functional totals in this resolution assume that the United States shall set a national goal of cutting child poverty in half within a decade, and eliminating it entirely as soon as possible thereafter; that funds should be raised through a one percent surtax on income over \$1 million for joint filers, or over \$500,000 for single filers to help achieve that goal; that the revenue raised is to be designated to a child poverty elimination fund and overseen by a child poverty elimination board, which shall design the poverty reduction program, set annual child poverty reduction targets, and recommend allocation of funds.

**SA 167.** Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amend-

ment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING FUNDING OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.**

It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should approve the full amount of the President's request for the administrative costs of the Social Security Administration for fiscal year 2006, including funds for the implementation of the low-income prescription drug subsidy under part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (as added by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003).

**SA 168.** Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. CORZINE) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

Strike Section 201(a)(4).

**SA 169.** Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. STABENOW) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, line 15, increase the amount by \$500,000,000.

On page 9, line 16, increase the amount by \$500,000,000.

On page 26, line 14, decrease the amount by \$500,000,000.

On page 26, line 15, decrease the amount by \$500,000,000.

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . UNITED STATES RESPONSE TO GLOBAL HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The HIV/AIDS pandemic has reached staggering proportions. At the end of 2004, an estimated 40,000,000 people were infected with HIV or living with AIDS. HIV/AIDS is estimated to kill 3,000,000 men, women and children each year. Each year, there are estimated to be 5,000,000 new HIV infections.

(2) The United States was the first, and remains the largest, contributor to the Global Fund.

(3) The Presidential Administration of George W. Bush (referred to in this section

as the "Administration") has supported language in the Global HIV/AIDS authorization bill that links United States contributions to the Global Fund to the contributions of other donors, permitting the United States to provide 33 percent of all donations, which would match contributions on a one-to-two basis.

(4) Congress has provided one-third of all donations to the Global Fund every year of the Fund's existence.

(5) For fiscal year 2006, the Global Fund estimates it will renew \$2,400,000,000 worth of effective programs that are already operating on the ground, and the Administration and Fund Board have said that renewals of existing grants should receive priority funding.

(6) The Global Fund is an important component of United States efforts to combat AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, and supports approximately 300 projects in 130 countries.

(7) For fiscal year 2006, the President has requested \$300,000,000 for the United States contribution to the Global Fund.

(8) Through a mid-year review process, Congress and the Administration will assess contributions to date and anticipated contributions to the Global Fund, and ensure that United States contributions, at year-end, are at the appropriate one-to-two ratio.

(9) Congress and the Administration will monitor contributions to the Global Fund to ensure that United States contributions do not exceed one-third of the Global Fund's revenues.

(10) In order to cover one-third of renewals during fiscal year 2006, and to maintain the one-to-two funding match, the United States will need to contribute an additional \$500,000,000 above the President's request for the Global Fund for fiscal year 2006 to keep good programs funded at a level of \$800,000,000.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the assumptions underlying this budget resolution assume that none of the offsets needed to provide \$800,000,000 for the Global Fund will come from international humanitarian assistance programs.

**SA 170.** Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, line 15, decrease the amount by \$143,000,000.

On page 9, line 16, decrease the amount by \$143,000,000.

On page 23, line 16, increase the amount by \$143,000,000.

On page 23, line 17, increase the amount by \$143,000,000.

**SA 171.** Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. VITTER, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 22, line 16, increase the amount by \$410,000,000.

On page 22, line 17, increase the amount by \$369,000,000.

On page 22, line 21, increase the amount by \$37,000,000.

On page 22, line 25, increase the amount by \$2,000,000.

On page 9, line 15, decrease the amount by \$410,000,000.

On page 9, line 16, decrease the amount by \$369,000,000.

On page 9, line 20, decrease the amount by \$37,000,000.

On page 9, line 24, decrease the amount by \$2,000,000.

**SA 172.** Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; which was ordered to lie on the table, as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$1,400,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$2,800,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$4,600,000,000.

On page 3, line 13, increase the amount by \$6,500,000,000.

On page 3, line 14, increase the amount by \$8,500,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$1,400,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$2,800,000,000.

On page 3, line 21, increase the amount by \$4,600,000,000.

On page 4, line 1, increase the amount by \$6,500,000,000.

On page 4, line 2, increase the amount by \$8,500,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,380,000,000.

On page 4, line 8, increase the amount by \$1,430,000,000.

On page 4, line 9, increase the amount by \$1,490,000,000.

On page 4, line 10, increase the amount by \$1,550,000,000.

On page 4, line 11, increase the amount by \$1,610,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$40,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$1,040,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$1,350,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$1,480,000,000.

On page 4, line 20, increase the amount by \$1,540,000,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,360,000,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$1,760,000,000.

On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$3,250,000,000.

On page 5, line 2, increase the amount by \$5,020,000,000.

On page 5, line 3, increase the amount by \$6,960,000,000.

On page 5, line 7, decrease the amount by \$1,360,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, decrease the amount by \$3,120,000,000.

On page 5, line 9, decrease the amount by \$6,370,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, decrease the amount by \$11,390,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, decrease the amount by \$18,350,000,000.

On page 5, line 15, decrease the amount by \$1,360,000,000.

On page 5, line 16, decrease the amount by \$3,120,000,000.

On page 5, line 17, decrease the amount by \$6,370,000,000.

On page 5, line 18, decrease the amount by \$11,390,000,000.

On page 5, line 19, decrease the amount by \$18,350,000,000.

On page 17, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,380,000,000.

On page 17, line 17, increase the amount by \$40,000,000.

On page 17, line 20, increase the amount by \$1,430,000,000.

On page 17, line 21, increase the amount by \$1,040,000,000.

On page 17, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,490,000,000.

On page 17, line 25, increase the amount by \$1,350,000,000.

On page 18, line 3, increase the amount by \$1,550,000,000.

On page 18, line 4, increase the amount by \$1,480,000,000.

On page 18, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,610,000,000.

On page 18, line 8, increase the amount by \$1,540,000,000.

On page 30, line 16, decrease the amount by \$1,400,000,000.

On page 30, line 17, decrease the amount by \$23,800,000,000.

On page 48, line 6, increase the amount by \$1,380,000,000.

On page 48, line 7, increase the amount by \$40,000,000.

On page 48, line 9, increase the amount by \$1,430,000,000.

On page 48, line 12, increase the amount by \$1,490,000,000.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 15, 2005. The purpose of this hearing will be to discuss school nutrition programs.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony from combatant commanders on their military strategy and operational requirements, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. in open session to consider the following nomination: Honorable Anthony J. Principi to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.