

(3) these increases in complexity and inequity have made compliance more challenging for the average taxpayer and small business owner, increasing the number of middle income families subject to the alternative minimum tax, and widening the tax gap; and

(4) this concurrent resolution on the budget contemplates a comprehensive review of recent changes in the tax code, leading to future action to reduce the tax burden and compliance burden for middle-income workers and their families in the context of tax reform that makes the Federal tax code simpler and fairer to all taxpayers, and ensures that this generation of Americans does not force future generations to pay our bills.

**SEC. 406. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON HOMELAND SECURITY.**

It is the sense of the House that—

(1) this resolution provides additional homeland security funding above the President's requested level and the budget reported by the Committee on the budget of the House for 2007 and every subsequent year;

(2) this resolution provides \$6,100,000,000 above the President's requested level for 2007, and additional amounts in subsequent years, in the four budget functions (Function 400 Transportation; Function 450 Community and Regional Development; Function 550 Health; and Function 750 Administration of Justice) which fund most nondefense homeland security activities; and

(3) the homeland security funding provided in this resolution will help to strengthen the security of our Nation's transportation system, particularly our ports where significant security shortfalls still exist and foreign ports by expanding efforts to identify and scan all high-risk U.S.-bound cargo, equip our first responders, help secure our borders, increase the preparedness of our public health system, and strengthen the Nation's homeland security.

**SEC. 407. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING FUNDING FOR THE MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP.**

It is the sense of the House that this resolution rejects the President's budget cuts to the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and ensures sufficient funding to protect the ability of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership to continue helping small manufacturers reach their optimal performance and create jobs.

**SEC. 408. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON REJECTING CUTS TO EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.**

It is the sense of the House that:

(1) Funding for vital education, health, social services, and training programs was cut for 2006, and would be reduced by a total of \$7 billion below the 2005 level by the President's budget request for 2007.

(2) It is imperative that Congress reject cuts to key programs that the President's budget eliminates or cuts. These programs include vocational education, special education, college aid, and title I, which is the cornerstone of the No Child Left Behind Act. They also include medical research, including the National Institutes for Health and the Centers for Disease Control, community services, and job training.

(3) This resolution provides more than \$7 billion above the Senate budget resolution's total for non-defense discretionary funding for 2007 and an even greater amount above the President's budget for 2007, and provides an amount which is sufficient to reject the President's cuts and maintain funding for vital health, social services, education, and job training programs.

**SEC. 409. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT.**

It is the sense of the House that—

(1) rural communities play an important role in the American economy, and the sustained viability of rural America is key to economic stability for many parts of the Nation; and

(2) this resolution supports sufficient funding for agriculture, rural economic development, infrastructure, research, and other priorities for rural communities, and rejects the cuts proposed in the President's budget.

**SEC. 410. POLICY.**

For fiscal year 2007, major functional category Allowances (920) reserves \$6,450,000,000 in anticipation of emergency spending in response to natural disasters.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the request is agreed to.

There was no objection.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Con. Res. 376.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 817 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 376.

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**IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 376) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, with Mr. SHIMKUS (Acting Chairman) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, April 6, 2006, all time for general debate pursuant to House Resolution 766 had expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 817, the amendments printed in part A of House Report 109-468 are adopted and the concurrent resolution, as amended, is considered read for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

The text of the concurrent resolution, as amended, is as follows:

**H. CON. RES. 376**

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),*

**SECTION 1. CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.**

(a) DECLARATION.—The Congress declares that this is the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2007, including appro-

appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—

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Sec. 602. Sense of Congress on closing the tax gap to reduce the deficit.

**TITLE I—RECOMMENDED LEVELS AND AMOUNTS**

**SEC. 101. RECOMMENDED LEVELS AND AMOUNTS.**

The following budgetary levels are appropriate for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011:

(1) FEDERAL REVENUES.—For purposes of the enforcement of this resolution:

(A) The recommended levels of Federal revenues are as follows:

Fiscal year 2007: \$1,780,666,000,000.

Fiscal year 2008: \$1,913,598,000,000.

Fiscal year 2009: \$2,011,187,000,000.

Fiscal year 2010: \$2,122,195,000,000.

Fiscal year 2011: \$2,212,263,000,000.

(B) The amounts by which the aggregate levels of Federal revenues should be reduced are as follows:

Fiscal year 2007: \$38,933,000,000.