

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009—S. CON. RES. 70; REVISIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 225 DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR AMERICA'S VETERANS AND SERVICEMEMBERS

[In billions of dollars]

Section 101

(1)(A) Federal Revenues:
FY 2008 1,875.401
FY 2009 2,029.661
FY 2010 2,204.695
FY 2011 2,413.285
FY 2012 2,506.063
FY 2013 2,626.571
(1)(B) Change in Federal Revenues:
FY 200 -3.999
FY 2009 -67.738
FY 2010 21.297
FY 2011 -14.785
FY 2012 -151.532
FY 2013 -123.648
(2) New Budget Authority:
FY 2008 2,564.237
FY 2009 2,538.265
FY 2010 2,566.826
FY 2011 2,692.486
FY 2012 2,734.102
FY 2013 2,858.843
(3) Budget Outlays:
FY 2008 2,466.678
FY 2009 2,573.277
FY 2010 2,625.751
FY 2011 2,711.447
FY 2012 2,719.529
FY 2013 2,851.939

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Current Allocation to Senate Armed Services Committee
FY 2008 Budget Authority 119,050
FY 2008 Outlays 118,842
FY 2009 Budget Authority 126,030
FY 2009 Outlays 125,863
FY 2009-2013 Budget Authority 668,567
FY 2009-2013 Outlays 667,908
Adjustments
FY 2008 Budget Authority 0
FY 2008 Outlays 0
FY 2009 Budget Authority -27
FY 2009 Outlays 7
FY 2009-2013 Budget Authority -2
FY 2009-2013 Outlays -8
Revised Allocation to Senate Armed Services Committee
FY 2008 Budget Authority 119,050
FY 2008 Outlays 118,842
FY 2009 Budget Authority 126,003
FY 2009 Outlays 125,870
FY 2009-2013 Budget Authority 668,565
FY 2009-2013 Outlays 667,900

FURTHER CHANGES TO S. CON. RES. 70

Mr. CONRAD. Madam President, section 223 of S. Con. Res. 70, the 2009

budget resolution, permits the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to revise the allocations, aggregates, and other levels in the resolution for legislation that invests in America's infrastructure, including rail projects. The revisions are contingent on certain conditions being met, including that such legislation not worsen the deficit over the period of the total of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or the period of the total of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

I find that H.R. 2095, the Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act, satisfies the conditions of the reserve fund for investments in America's infrastructure. Therefore, pursuant to section 223, I am adjusting the aggregates in the 2009 budget resolution, as well as the allocation provided to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the following revisions to S. Con. Res. 70.

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

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Section 101

(1)(A) Federal Revenues:
FY 2008 1,875.401
FY 2009 2,029.667
FY 2010 2,204.701
FY 2011 2,413.291
FY 2012 2,506.069
FY 2013 2,626.577
(1)(B) Change in Federal Revenues:
FY 2008 -3.999
FY 2009 -67.732
FY 2010 21.303
FY 2011 -14.779
FY 2012 -151.526
FY 2013 -123.642
(2) New Budget Authority:
FY 2008 2,564.237
FY 2009 2,538.268
FY 2010 2,566.829
FY 2011 2,692.492
FY 2012 2,734.110
FY 2013 2,858.852
(3) Budget Outlays:
FY 2008 2,466.678
FY 2009 2,573.280
FY 2010 2,625.754
FY 2011 2,711.453
FY 2012 2,719.537
FY 2013 2,851.948

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Current Allocation to Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee
FY 2008 Budget Authority 13,964

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FY 2008 Outlays 9,363
FY 2009 Budget Authority 14,432
FY 2009 Outlays 10,250
FY 2009-2013 Budget Authority 75,918
FY 2009-2013 Outlays 49,960
Adjustments
FY 2008 Budget Authority 0
FY 2008 Outlays 0
FY 2009 Budget Authority 3
FY 2009 Outlays 3
FY 2009-2013 Budget Authority 29
FY 2009-2013 Outlays 29
Revised Allocation to Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee
FY 2008 Budget Authority 13,964
FY 2008 Outlays 9,363
FY 2009 Budget Authority 14,435
FY 2009 Outlays 10,253
FY 2009-2013 Budget Authority 75,947
FY 2009-2013 Outlays 49,989

INSPECTOR GENERAL REFORM ACT

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Madam President, I am proud to note that Congress, Saturday, voted to pass and send to the President the Inspector General Reform Act of 2008. This bipartisan bill reflects the broad congressional support for the outstanding work of our inspectors general and our desire to ensure that these important and unique Government officials are given the tools and the accountability to perform at their very best. I want to commend my colleagues, Senator MCCASKILL and Senator COLLINS, with whom I cosponsored this bill in the Senate, for their leadership and hard work on this issue. I also want to recognize the efforts of Congressman COOPER of Tennessee in the House, who has worked diligently on this legislation or some version of it through several Congresses.

It has been 30 years since Congress, as part of its post-Watergate reforms, passed the Inspectors General Act of 1978 that created an Office of Inspector General in 12 major departments and agencies to hold those agencies accountable and report back both to the agency heads and Congress on their findings. The law was amended in 1988 to add an inspector general to almost all executive agencies and departments.

The experiment has been a great success, hailed as a sort of consumer protector for the taxpayer deep within each agency. IG audits generate billions of dollars in potential savings each year. They also safeguard something even more valuable public trust