

abroad, especially in the manufacturing sector. I have received many letters from Iowans who have been able to take advantage of TAA. One person who was laid off from her factory job went back to school to become a licensed practical nurse, and she hoped to go on to become a registered nurse. Another Iowan wrote of how important the health care tax credit has been to her and her husband, who was one of 300 people laid off from his company. Another Iowan wrote about how her job was being shipped to China; she was thinking of using TAA services to go back to college.

A related program, the TAA Community College and Career Training Grants Program will be extremely beneficial to workers through the community college system in Iowa and other states. I am thankful that this program will soon move ahead, and I understand that grant recipients will be announced next week.

This grant program will provide to community colleges in every State funds they desperately need to build capacity and meet training demands for 21st century jobs. The funds will total \$500 million a year for 4 years, a huge and necessary injection of funds into the community college system. The grants will enable local leaders from the education, workforce, economic development, and business communities to work together to develop and expand programs as they help workers succeed in acquiring the skills, degrees, and credentials needed for high-wage, high-skill employment while also meeting the needs of employers for skilled workers. Community colleges and their partners can use the funds to develop innovative programs or replicate evidence-based strategies.

The advanced manufacturing and health care sectors are among the largest and fastest-growing sectors in the Iowa economy, and recent projections indicate that employers in these sectors will continue to need workers with advanced skills to fill vacancies. TAA training grants support the training of these workers. Iowa Central Community College, for example, has developed an entrepreneurship and business development program to respond to regional needs. Iowa Lakes Community College has started a wind turbine program—one of the first of its kind in the country—that prepares workers for “green-collar” jobs and ensures that graduates have the skills that area employers need.

I am very hopeful that we will reauthorize TAA this week. When we pass this legislation, we will ensure that a wider range of workers can continue to access TAA benefits and services, and that resources are available so that workers are prepared for high-skill jobs with family-sustaining wages. We owe American workers nothing less.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. UDALL of Colorado). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following morning business, tomorrow, September 22, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2832; that the only remaining amendments in order to the Casey-Brown-Baucus amendment and the bill be the following: Rubio amendment No. 651, Thune amendment No. 650, and Cornyn amendment No. 634; that there be up to 5 hours of debate on the Rubio, Thune, and Cornyn amendments equally divided between the two leaders or their designees, with Senator CORNYN controlling 1 hour of the Republican time and with Senators RUBIO and THUNE each controlling 30 minutes of the Republican time; that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with Senator MCCONNELL, the Senate proceed to votes in relation to the Rubio, Thune, Cornyn, and Casey amendments, in that order; that there be no amendments, points of order, or motions in order to the amendments prior to the votes other than budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive; that each amendment be subject to a 60-affirmative vote threshold; and that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to each vote; that upon the disposition of the amendments, the bill, as amended, if amended, be read a third time; that there be up to 10 minutes of debate equally divided between the two leaders or their designees prior to a vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; that the bill be subject to a 60-affirmative-vote threshold; finally, there be no points of order or motions in order to the bill prior to the vote on passage of the bill other than budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive.

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

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate go into a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

#### REMEMBERING KARA KENNEDY AND ELEANOR MONDALE POLING

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, by sad coincidence, America lost two women this past weekend women we had watched grow from little girls into accomplished women. Kara Kennedy and Eleanor Mondale Poling were both members of this Senate family.

Kara was the daughter of Senator Edward Kennedy and his wife Joan. Elea-

nor was the daughter of former Senator and former Vice President Walter Mondale and his wife Joan. Both women fought brave, against-the-odds battles against cancer in recent years.

Ted and Joan Kennedy named their first-born Kara, a name that means “dear little one” in the old Irish language—and that is what she always was to her parents. Like the rest of her famous family, Kara was committed to helping those less fortunate than herself. After graduating from Tufts University, she worked as a filmmaker and was active in a number of causes.

In 2002, she was diagnosed with lung cancer. Her doctors gave her 1 year to live. But Kara and her family refused to give up. She underwent surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatment. Her father accompanied her to her chemotherapy treatments.

It seemed that Kara had beaten cancer. But Friday night, she collapsed after her usual workout at the gym. Her brother, former Congressman Patrick Kennedy, said that cancer surgery and years of grueling chemotherapy and radiation treatment had taken a devastating toll on his sister’s strength and her heart simply gave out.

In addition to her mother Joan and stepmother Vickie, Kara leaves behind three brothers and a sister, a multitude of cousins and nieces and nephews, and her two beloved children, Max, 14, and Grace, who turned 17 yesterday.

Eleanor Mondale Poling was just 4 years old when her father was appointed to fill the Senate seat vacated by Hubert Humphrey, who had just become Vice President of the United States. Like Kara Kennedy, she grew up in this Senate and in the public eye. She was 17 when her father became Vice President of the United States.

As a young woman, Eleanor Mondale made her own career in broadcasting, beginning with a job as a radio D.J. in Chicago. She would go on to work for a number of TV organizations. In 2005, Eleanor Mondale married Chan Poling. The couple lived on a farm in Prior Lake, MN, surrounded by animals, which Eleanor loved.

That same year, 2005, Eleanor was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer. The next 6 years would bring multiple surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation, and at least twice apparent remissions. But the cancer came back in 2009. Eleanor Mondale Poling died at home on her farm early Saturday.

In addition to her parents, Eleanor leaves her two brothers, Ted Mondale, a former Minnesota State senator, and William Mondale, the former assistant attorney general of Minnesota.

#### REMEMBERING HARRY “BUS” YOURELL

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend and a great Illinois public servant—Harry “Bus” Yourell, who passed away September 19, 2011, at the age of 92. Bus

grew up on Chicago's South Side and was married to his wife Millie for 66 years.

Bus served nine terms in the Illinois House, was Cook County recorder of deeds in the 1980s, and served 18 years as a commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. In fact, Bus ran in 40 elections over the years, without ever losing one. But his public service goes much deeper than that.

Bus enlisted in the Marines on the day Pearl Harbor was attacked and served 4 years in the South Pacific, fighting in Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Guam, and Iwo Jima. He was awarded the Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts.

Bus loved public service, but he enjoyed travelling and meeting people just as much. He enjoyed life. Bus hitchhiked through Vietnam, rode 250 miles on top of a box car in Ecuador, took a trip up the Amazon River in a dugout canoe in his seventies, and in his eighties bungee jumped in New Zealand.

He was a one of a kind person and a tremendous asset to the Chicago community. I extend condolences to his wife Millie, his three children and

many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as the many friends and admirers who will miss him.

BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I previously filed committee allocations and budgetary aggregates pursuant to section 106 of the Budget Control Act of 2011. Today, I am adjusting some of those levels, specifically the allocation to the Committee on Appropriations for fiscal year 2012 and the budgetary aggregates for fiscal year 2012.

Section 101 of the Budget Control Act allows for various adjustments to the statutory limits on discretionary spending, while section 106(d) allows the chairman of the Budget Committee to make revisions to allocations, aggregates, and levels consistent with those adjustments. The Committee on Appropriations reported three bills last week that are eligible for adjustments under the Budget Control Act. Consequently, I am making adjustments to the 2012 allocation to the Committee on Appropriations and to the 2012 aggregates for spending by a total of \$117.885 billion in budget authority and

\$59.677 billion in outlays. Those adjustments reflect the sum of \$302 million in budget authority and \$136 million in outlays for funding designated for disaster relief and \$117.583 billion in budget authority and \$59.541 billion in outlays for funding designated as being for overseas contingency operations.

I ask unanimous consent that the following tables detailing the changes to the allocation to the Committee on Appropriations and the budgetary aggregates be printed in the RECORD.

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

BUDGETARY AGGREGATES—PURSUANT TO SECTION 106(b)(1)(C) OF THE BUDGET CONTROL ACT OF 2011 AND SECTION 311 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974

(In millions of dollars)

	2011	2012
Current Spending Aggregates:		
Budget Authority .....	3,070,885	2,853,989
Outlays .....	3,161,974	2,982,421
Adjustments:		
Budget Authority .....	0	117,885
Outlays .....	0	59,677
Revised Spending Aggregates:		
Budget Authority .....	3,070,885	2,971,874
Outlays .....	3,161,974	3,042,098

FURTHER REVISIONS TO THE BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAY ALLOCATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 106 OF THE BUDGET CONTROL ACT OF 2011 AND SECTION 302 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974

(In millions of dollars)

	Current allocation limit	Adjustment	Revised allocation/limit
Fiscal Year 2011:			
General Purpose Discretionary Budget Authority .....	1,211,141	0	1,211,141
General Purpose Discretionary Outlays .....	1,391,055	0	1,391,055
Fiscal Year 2012:			
Security Discretionary Budget Authority .....	688,458	117,583	806,041
Nonsecurity Discretionary Budget Authority .....	360,311	302	360,613
General Purpose Discretionary Outlays .....	1,263,157	59,677	1,322,834

DETAIL ON ADJUSTMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2012 ALLOCATIONS TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 106 OF THE BUDGET CONTROL ACT OF 2011

(In billions of dollars)

	Disaster Relief	Emergency	Overseas Contingency Operations	Total
Commerce, Justice, Science:				
Budget Authority .....	0.135	0.000	0.000	0.135
Outlays .....	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.007
Defense:				
Budget Authority .....	0.000	0.000	117.583	117.583
Outlays .....	0.000	0.000	59.541	59.541
Financial Services and General Government:				
Budget Authority .....	0.167	0.000	0.000	0.167
Outlays .....	0.129	0.000	0.000	0.129
Total:				
Budget Authority .....	0.302	0.000	117.583	117.885
Outlays .....	0.136	0.000	59.541	59.677
Memorandum 1—Breakdown of Above Adjustments by Category:				
Security Budget Authority .....	0.000	0.000	117.583	117.583
Nonsecurity Budget Authority .....	0.302	0.000	0.000	0.302
General Purpose Outlays .....	0.136	0.000	59.541	59.677
Memorandum 2—Cumulative Adjustments (Includes Previously Filed Adjustments):				
Budget Authority .....	5.813	0.000	117.841	123.654
Outlays .....	1.094	-0.007	59.747	60.834

TRIBUTE TO SYDNEY LEA

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, earlier this month, Vermont's Governor Peter Shumlin appointed Sydney Lea to serve as Vermont's new Poet Laureate. This honor has been bestowed to Vermonters whose poetry manifests a high degree of excellence since Governor Kunin reestablished the position of Poet Laureate in 1988. Sydney Lea is certainly deserving of this honor.

A resident of Newbury, VT, Sydney has written a number of poetry collections including Young of the Year,

Ghost Pain, Pursuit of a Wound, and The Floating Candles to name a few. His pieces have been published in the New York Times, the New Yorker, the New Republic, Sports Illustrated, and many others. In 2000, his poem, Pursuit of a Wound, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for poetry. In 1998, he was a cowinner of the Poets' Prize, one of the nation's highest honors for a single collection of poems.

Sydney has taught at Dartmouth, Wesleyan, and Middlebury College as well as the University of Vermont and

Yale University. He has also spent time teaching at the Franklin College in Switzerland and the National Hungarian University in Budapest. His dedication to and love for the written word has inspired hundreds of students in Vermont and around the globe. As a Central Vermont Adult Basic Education board member, he continues to see education as a lifelong process. Sydney's stories attract a wide array of audiences and come alive for Vermonters of all generations. His personal dedication to land conservation