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Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 and 2011 through 2014.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SPRATT submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 and 2011 through 2014.

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

3 **SECTION 1. CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET**
4 **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010.**

5 (a) DECLARATION.—Congress declares that this reso-
6 lution is the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal
7 year 2010 and that this resolution sets forth the appro-

1 p r i a t e budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009 and for fiscal
2 years 2011 through 2014.

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1 **TITLE I—RECOMMENDED**
2 **LEVELS AND AMOUNTS**

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

4 The following budgetary levels are appropriate for
5 each of fiscal years 2009 through 2014:

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

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

10 Fiscal year 2009: \$ _____.

11 Fiscal year 2010: \$ _____.

12 Fiscal year 2011: \$ _____.

13 Fiscal year 2012: \$ _____.

14 Fiscal year 2013: \$ _____.

15 Fiscal year 2014: \$ _____.

16 (B) The amounts by which the aggregate
17 levels of Federal revenues should be changed
18 are as follows:

19 Fiscal year 2009: \$ _____.

20 Fiscal year 2010: \$ _____.

1 Fiscal year 2011: \$ _____.

2 Fiscal year 2012: \$ _____.

3 Fiscal year 2013: \$ _____.

4 Fiscal year 2014: \$ _____.

5 (2) NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY.—For purposes
6 of the enforcement of this resolution, the appropriate
7 levels of total new budget authority are as follows:

8 Fiscal year 2009: \$ _____.

9 Fiscal year 2010: \$ _____.

10 Fiscal year 2011: \$ _____.

11 Fiscal year 2012: \$ _____.

12 Fiscal year 2013: \$ _____.

13 Fiscal year 2014: \$ _____.

14 (3) BUDGET OUTLAYS.—For purposes of the
15 enforcement of this resolution, the appropriate levels
16 of total budget outlays are as follows:

17 Fiscal year 2009: \$ _____.

18 Fiscal year 2010: \$ _____.

19 Fiscal year 2011: \$ _____.

20 Fiscal year 2012: \$ _____.

21 Fiscal year 2013: \$ _____.

22 Fiscal year 2014: \$ _____.

23 (4) DEFICITS (ON-BUDGET).—For purposes of
24 the enforcement of this resolution, the amounts of
25 the deficits (on-budget) are as follows:

1 Fiscal year 2009: \$ _____.

2 Fiscal year 2010: \$ _____.

3 Fiscal year 2011: \$ _____.

4 Fiscal year 2012: \$ _____.

5 Fiscal year 2013: \$ _____.

6 Fiscal year 2014: \$ _____.

7 (5) DEBT SUBJECT TO LIMIT.—Pursuant to
8 section 301(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act
9 of 1974, the appropriate levels of the public debt are
10 as follows:

11 Fiscal year 2009: \$ _____.

12 Fiscal year 2010: \$ _____.

13 Fiscal year 2011: \$ _____.

14 Fiscal year 2012: \$ _____.

15 Fiscal year 2013: \$ _____.

16 Fiscal year 2014: \$ _____.

17 (6) DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC.—The appro-
18 priate levels of debt held by the public are as follows:

19 Fiscal year 2009: \$ _____.

20 Fiscal year 2010: \$ _____.

21 Fiscal year 2011: \$ _____.

22 Fiscal year 2012: \$ _____.

23 Fiscal year 2013: \$ _____.

24 Fiscal year 2014: \$ _____.

1 **SEC. 102. MAJOR FUNCTIONAL CATEGORIES.**

2 The Congress determines and declares that the ap-
3 propriate levels of new budget authority and outlays for
4 fiscal years 2009 through 2014 for each major functional
5 category are:

6 (1) National Defense (050):

7 Fiscal year 2009:

8 (A) New budget authority,

9 \$_____.

10 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

11 Fiscal year 2010:

12 (A) New budget authority,

13 \$_____.

14 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

15 Fiscal year 2011:

16 (A) New budget authority,

17 \$_____.

18 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

19 Fiscal year 2012:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$_____.

22 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

23 Fiscal year 2013:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$_____.

26 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

1 Fiscal year 2014:
2 (A) New budget authority,
3 \$ _____.
4 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.

5 (2) International Affairs (150):

6 Fiscal year 2009:
7 (A) New budget authority,
8 \$ _____.
9 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.

10 Fiscal year 2010:
11 (A) New budget authority,
12 \$ _____.
13 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.

14 Fiscal year 2011:
15 (A) New budget authority,
16 \$ _____.
17 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.

18 Fiscal year 2012:
19 (A) New budget authority,
20 \$ _____.
21 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.

22 Fiscal year 2013:
23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$ _____.
25 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.

1 Fiscal year 2014:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

5 (3) General Science, Space, and Technology

6 (250):

7 Fiscal year 2009:

8 (A) New budget authority,

9 \$_____.

10 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

11 Fiscal year 2010:

12 (A) New budget authority,

13 \$_____.

14 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

15 Fiscal year 2011:

16 (A) New budget authority,

17 \$_____.

18 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

19 Fiscal year 2012:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$_____.

22 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

23 Fiscal year 2013:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$_____.

1 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

2 Fiscal year 2014:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$_____.

5 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

6 (4) Energy (270):

7 Fiscal year 2009:

8 (A) New budget authority,

9 \$_____.

10 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

11 Fiscal year 2010:

12 (A) New budget authority,

13 \$_____.

14 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

15 Fiscal year 2011:

16 (A) New budget authority,

17 \$_____.

18 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

19 Fiscal year 2012:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$_____.

22 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

23 Fiscal year 2013:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$_____.

1 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

2 Fiscal year 2014:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$_____.

5 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

6 (5) Natural Resources and Environment (300):

7 Fiscal year 2009:

8 (A) New budget authority,

9 \$_____.

10 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

11 Fiscal year 2010:

12 (A) New budget authority,

13 \$_____.

14 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

15 Fiscal year 2011:

16 (A) New budget authority,

17 \$_____.

18 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

19 Fiscal year 2012:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$_____.

22 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

23 Fiscal year 2013:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$_____.

1 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

2 Fiscal year 2014:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$_____.

5 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

6 (6) Agriculture (350):

7 Fiscal year 2009:

8 (A) New budget authority,

9 \$_____.

10 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

11 Fiscal year 2010:

12 (A) New budget authority,

13 \$_____.

14 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

15 Fiscal year 2011:

16 (A) New budget authority,

17 \$_____.

18 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

19 Fiscal year 2012:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$_____.

22 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

23 Fiscal year 2013:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$_____.

1 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

2 Fiscal year 2014:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$_____.

5 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

6 (7) Commerce and Housing Credit (370):

7 Fiscal year 2009:

8 (A) New budget authority,

9 \$_____.

10 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

11 Fiscal year 2010:

12 (A) New budget authority,

13 \$_____.

14 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

15 Fiscal year 2011:

16 (A) New budget authority,

17 \$_____.

18 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

19 Fiscal year 2012:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$_____.

22 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

23 Fiscal year 2013:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$_____.

1 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

2 Fiscal year 2014:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$_____.

5 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

6 (8) Transportation (400):

7 Fiscal year 2009:

8 (A) New budget authority,

9 \$_____.

10 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

11 Fiscal year 2010:

12 (A) New budget authority,

13 \$_____.

14 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

15 Fiscal year 2011:

16 (A) New budget authority,

17 \$_____.

18 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

19 Fiscal year 2012:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$_____.

22 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

23 Fiscal year 2013:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$_____.

1 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

2 Fiscal year 2014:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$_____.

5 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

6 (9) Community and Regional Development

7 (450):

8 Fiscal year 2009:

9 (A) New budget authority,

10 \$_____.

11 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

12 Fiscal year 2010:

13 (A) New budget authority,

14 \$_____.

15 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

16 Fiscal year 2011:

17 (A) New budget authority,

18 \$_____.

19 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

20 Fiscal year 2012:

21 (A) New budget authority,

22 \$_____.

23 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

24 Fiscal year 2013:

1 (A) New budget authority,
2 \$ _____.

3 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.

4 Fiscal year 2014:

5 (A) New budget authority,
6 \$ _____.

7 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.

8 (10) Education, Training, Employment, and
9 Social Services (500):

10 Fiscal year 2009:

11 (A) New budget authority,
12 \$ _____.

13 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.

14 Fiscal year 2010:

15 (A) New budget authority,
16 \$ _____.

17 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.

18 Fiscal year 2011:

19 (A) New budget authority,
20 \$ _____.

21 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.

22 Fiscal year 2012:

23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$ _____.

25 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.

1 Fiscal year 2013:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

5 Fiscal year 2014:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

9 (11) Health (550):

10 Fiscal year 2009:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

14 Fiscal year 2010:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

18 Fiscal year 2011:

19 (A) New budget authority,

20 \$_____.

21 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

22 Fiscal year 2012:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

1 Fiscal year 2013:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

5 Fiscal year 2014:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

9 (12) Medicare (570):

10 Fiscal year 2009:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

14 Fiscal year 2010:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

18 Fiscal year 2011:

19 (A) New budget authority,

20 \$_____.

21 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

22 Fiscal year 2012:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

1 Fiscal year 2013:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

5 Fiscal year 2014:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

9 (13) Income Security (600):

10 Fiscal year 2009:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

14 Fiscal year 2010:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

18 Fiscal year 2011:

19 (A) New budget authority,

20 \$_____.

21 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

22 Fiscal year 2012:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

1 Fiscal year 2013:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

5 Fiscal year 2014:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

9 (14) Social Security (650):

10 Fiscal year 2009:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

14 Fiscal year 2010:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

18 Fiscal year 2011:

19 (A) New budget authority,

20 \$_____.

21 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

22 Fiscal year 2012:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

1 Fiscal year 2013:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

5 Fiscal year 2014:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

9 (15) Veterans Benefits and Services (700):

10 Fiscal year 2009:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

14 Fiscal year 2010:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

18 Fiscal year 2011:

19 (A) New budget authority,

20 \$_____.

21 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

22 Fiscal year 2012:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

1 Fiscal year 2013:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

5 Fiscal year 2014:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

9 (16) Administration of Justice (750):

10 Fiscal year 2009:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

14 Fiscal year 2010:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

18 Fiscal year 2011:

19 (A) New budget authority,

20 \$_____.

21 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

22 Fiscal year 2012:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

1 Fiscal year 2013:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

5 Fiscal year 2014:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

9 (17) General Government (800):

10 Fiscal year 2009:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

14 Fiscal year 2010:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

18 Fiscal year 2011:

19 (A) New budget authority,

20 \$_____.

21 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

22 Fiscal year 2012:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

1 Fiscal year 2013:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

5 Fiscal year 2014:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

9 (18) Net Interest (900):

10 Fiscal year 2009:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

14 Fiscal year 2010:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

18 Fiscal year 2011:

19 (A) New budget authority,

20 \$_____.

21 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

22 Fiscal year 2012:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

1 Fiscal year 2013:
2 (A) New budget authority,
3 \$ _____.
4 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.
5 Fiscal year 2014:
6 (A) New budget authority,
7 \$ _____.
8 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.
9 (19) Allowances (920):
10 Fiscal year 2009:
11 (A) New budget authority,
12 \$ _____.
13 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.
14 Fiscal year 2010:
15 (A) New budget authority,
16 \$ _____.
17 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.
18 Fiscal year 2011:
19 (A) New budget authority,
20 \$ _____.
21 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.
22 Fiscal year 2012:
23 (A) New budget authority,
24 \$ _____.
25 (B) Outlays, \$ _____.

1 Fiscal year 2013:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

5 Fiscal year 2014:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

9 (20) Undistributed Offsetting Receipts (950):

10 Fiscal year 2009:

11 (A) New budget authority,

12 \$_____.

13 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

14 Fiscal year 2010:

15 (A) New budget authority,

16 \$_____.

17 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

18 Fiscal year 2011:

19 (A) New budget authority,

20 \$_____.

21 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

22 Fiscal year 2012:

23 (A) New budget authority,

24 \$_____.

25 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

1 Fiscal year 2013:

2 (A) New budget authority,

3 \$_____.

4 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

5 Fiscal year 2014:

6 (A) New budget authority,

7 \$_____.

8 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

9 (21) Overseas Deployments and Other Activi-
10 ties (970):

11 Fiscal year 2009:

12 (A) New budget authority,

13 \$_____.

14 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

15 Fiscal year 2010:

16 (A) New budget authority,

17 \$_____.

18 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

19 Fiscal year 2011:

20 (A) New budget authority,

21 \$_____.

22 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

23 Fiscal year 2012:

24 (A) New budget authority,

25 \$_____.

1 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

2 Fiscal year 2013:

3 (A) New budget authority,

4 \$_____.

5 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

6 Fiscal year 2014:

7 (A) New budget authority,

8 \$_____.

9 (B) Outlays, \$_____.

10 **TITLE II—RECONCILIATION**

11 **SEC. 201. RECONCILIATION IN THE HOUSE.**

12 (a) HEALTH CARE REFORM.—

13 (1) Not later than September 29, 2009, the
14 House Committee on Energy and Commerce shall
15 report changes in laws to reduce the deficit by
16 \$1,000,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2009
17 through 2014.

18 (2) Not later than September 29, 2009, the
19 House Committee on Ways and Means shall report
20 changes in laws to reduce the deficit by
21 \$1,000,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2009
22 through 2014.

23 (b) INVESTING IN EDUCATION.—Not later than Sep-
24 tember 30, 2009, the House Committee on Education and
25 Labor shall report changes in laws to reduce the deficit

1 by \$1,000,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2009
2 through 2014.

3 (c) SINGLE ENGROSSMENT.—The House may direct
4 the Clerk to add at the end of a bill addressed by this
5 section the text of another measure addressed by this sec-
6 tion as passed by the House to form a single engrossed
7 reconciliation bill within the meaning of section 310 of the
8 Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

9 **SEC. 202. RECONCILIATION IN THE SENATE.**

10 (Senate reconciliation instructions to be supplied by
11 the Senate.)

12 **TITLE III—RESERVE FUNDS**

13 **SEC. 301. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR HEALTH**
14 **CARE REFORM.**

15 The chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
16 revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate
17 levels in this resolution for any bill, joint resolution,
18 amendment, or conference report that makes improve-
19 ments to health care in America, which may include mak-
20 ing affordable health coverage available for all, improving
21 the quality of health care, reducing rising health care
22 costs, building on and strengthening existing public and
23 private insurance coverage, including employer-sponsored
24 coverage, and preserving choice of provider and plan by
25 the amounts provided in such measure if such measure

1 would not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for
2 either time period provided in clause 10 of rule XXI of
3 the Rules of the House of Representatives.

4 **SEC. 302. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR COLLEGE**
5 **ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, AND COMPLETION.**

6 The chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
7 revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate
8 levels in this resolution for any bill, joint resolution,
9 amendment, or conference report that makes college more
10 affordable or accessible or that increases college enroll-
11 ment and completion through reforms to the Higher Edu-
12 cation Act of 1965 or other legislation, including but not
13 limited to increasing the maximum Pell grant award annu-
14 ally by an amount equal to one percentage point more
15 than the Consumer Price Index, by the amounts provided
16 in such measure if such measure would not increase the
17 deficit or decrease the surplus for either time period pro-
18 vided in clause 10 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House
19 of Representatives.

20 **SEC. 303. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR INCREAS-**
21 **ING ENERGY INDEPENDENCE.**

22 The chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
23 revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate
24 levels in this resolution for any bill, joint resolution,
25 amendment, or conference report that—

1 (1) provides tax incentives for or otherwise en-
2 courages the production of renewable energy or in-
3 creased energy efficiency;

4 (2) encourages investment in emerging energy
5 or vehicle technologies or carbon capture and seques-
6 tration;

7 (3) limits and provides for reductions in green-
8 house gas emissions;

9 (4) assists businesses, industries, States, com-
10 munities, the environment, workers, or households as
11 the United States moves toward reducing and offset-
12 ting the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions; or

13 (5) facilitates the training of workers for these
14 industries (“green collar jobs”);

15 by the amounts provided in such measure if such measure
16 would not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for
17 either time period provided in clause 10 of rule XXI of
18 the Rules of the House of Representatives.

19 **SEC. 304. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR AMER-**
20 **ICA’S VETERANS AND SERVICEMEMBERS.**

21 The chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
22 revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate
23 levels in this resolution for any bill, joint resolution,
24 amendment, or conference report that—

1 (1) enhances health care for military personnel
2 or veterans;

3 (2) maintains the affordability of health care
4 for military retirees or veterans;

5 (3) improves disability benefits or evaluations
6 for wounded or disabled military personnel or vet-
7 erans, including measures to expedite the claims
8 process;

9 (4) expands eligibility to permit additional dis-
10 abled military retirees to receive both disability com-
11 pensation and retired pay (concurrent receipt); or

12 (5) eliminates the offset between Survivor Ben-
13 efit Plan annuities and veterans' dependency and in-
14 demnity compensation; and

15 does not authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs
16 (VA) to bill private insurance companies for treatment of
17 health conditions that are related to veterans' military
18 service by the amounts provided in such measure if such
19 measure would not increase the deficit or decrease the sur-
20 plus for either time period provided in clause 10 of rule
21 XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

22 **SEC. 305. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR CERTAIN**
23 **TAX RELIEF.**

24 The chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
25 revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate

1 levels in this resolution for any bill, joint resolution,
2 amendment, or conference report that provides for tax re-
3 lief that supports working families, businesses, States, or
4 communities, by the amounts provided in such measure
5 if such measure would not increase the deficit or decrease
6 the surplus for either time period provided in clause 10
7 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

8 **SEC. 306. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR A 9/11**
9 **HEALTH PROGRAM.**

10 The chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
11 revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate
12 levels in this resolution for any bill, joint resolution,
13 amendment, or conference report that would establish a
14 program, including medical monitoring and treatment, ad-
15 dressing the adverse health impacts linked to the Sep-
16 tember 11, 2001, attacks by the amounts provided in such
17 measure if such measure would not increase the deficit
18 or decrease the surplus for either time period provided in
19 clause 10 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives.

21 **SEC. 307. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR CHILD**
22 **NUTRITION.**

23 The chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
24 revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate
25 levels in this resolution for any bill, joint resolution,

1 amendment, or conference report that reauthorizes, ex-
2 pands, or improves child nutrition programs by the
3 amounts provided in such measure if such measure would
4 not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for either
5 time period provided in clause 10 of rule XXI of the Rules
6 of the House of Representatives.

7 **SEC. 308. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR STRUC-**
8 **TURAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE RE-**
9 **FORMS.**

10 The chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
11 revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate
12 levels in this resolution for any bill, joint resolution,
13 amendment, or conference report that makes structural
14 reforms to make the unemployment insurance system re-
15 spond better to serious economic downturns by the
16 amounts provided in such measure if such measure would
17 not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for either
18 time period provided in clause 10 of rule XXI of the Rules
19 of the House of Representatives.

20 **SEC. 309. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR CHILD**
21 **SUPPORT.**

22 The chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
23 revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate
24 levels in this resolution for any bill, joint resolution,
25 amendment, or conference report that increases parental

1 support for children, particularly from non-custodial par-
2 ents, including legislation that results in a greater share
3 of collected child support reaching the child, by the
4 amounts provided in such measure if such measure would
5 not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for either
6 time period provided in clause 10 of rule XXI of the Rules
7 of the House of Representatives.

8 **SEC. 310. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE AF-**
9 **FORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND.**

10 The chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
11 revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate
12 levels in this resolution for any bill, joint resolution,
13 amendment, or conference report that capitalizes the exist-
14 ing Affordable Housing Trust Fund by the amounts pro-
15 vided in such measure if such measure would not increase
16 the deficit or decrease the surplus for either time period
17 provided in clause 10 of rule XXI of the Rules of the
18 House of Representatives.

19 **SEC. 311. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR HOME**
20 **VISITING.**

21 The chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
22 revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate
23 levels in this resolution for any bill, joint resolution,
24 amendment, or conference report that provides funds to
25 states for a program or programs of home visits to low-

1 income mothers-to-be and low-income families which will
2 produce sizeable, sustained improvements in the health
3 and well-being of children and their parents, by the
4 amounts provided in such measure if such measure would
5 not increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for either
6 time period provided in clause 10 of rule XXI of the Rules
7 of the House of Representatives.

8 **SEC. 312. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR LOW-IN-**
9 **COME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
10 **TRIGGER.**

11 The chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
12 revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate
13 levels in this resolution for any bill, joint resolution,
14 amendment, or conference report that makes the Low-In-
15 come Home Energy Assistance Program more responsive
16 to energy price increases by the amounts provided in such
17 measure if such measure would not increase the deficit
18 or decrease the surplus for either time period provided in
19 clause 10 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives.

21 **SEC. 313. RESERVE FUND FOR THE SURFACE TRANSPOR-**
22 **TATION REAUTHORIZATION.**

23 The chairman of the Committee on the Budget may
24 revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate
25 levels in this resolution for any bill, joint resolution,

1 amendment, or conference report that reauthorizes surface
2 transportation programs or that authorizes other trans-
3 portation-related spending by providing new contract au-
4 thority by the amounts provided in such measure if such
5 measure establishes or maintains a solvent Highway Trust
6 Fund over the period of fiscal years 2009 through 2015.
7 “Solvency” is defined as a positive cash balance. Such
8 measure may include a transfer into the Highway Trust
9 Fund from other Federal funds, as long as the transfer
10 of Federal funds is fully offset.

11 **SEC. 314. CURRENT POLICY RESERVE FUND FOR MEDI-**
12 **CARE IMPROVEMENTS.**

13 (a) PROCEDURE.—The chairman of the Committee
14 on the Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and
15 other appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint
16 resolution, amendment, or conference report that would
17 increase outlays by an amount not to exceed
18 \$87,290,000,000 in fiscal years 2010 through 2014 and,
19 for the purposes of the Rules of the House of Representa-
20 tives, by an amount not to exceed \$284,970,000,000 in
21 fiscal years 2010 through 2019 by reforming the Medicare
22 payment system for physicians to—

23 (1) change incentives to encourage efficiency
24 and higher quality care in a way that supports fiscal
25 sustainability;

1 (2) improve payment accuracy to encourage ef-
2 ficient use of resources and ensure that primary care
3 receives appropriate compensation;

4 (3) improve coordination of care among all pro-
5 viders serving a patient in all appropriate settings;
6 or

7 (4) hold providers accountable for their utiliza-
8 tion patterns and quality of care.

9 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—For the purposes of section
10 401(a) of this resolution, the revisions made pursuant to
11 this section shall apply only to a measure that includes
12 the policies and the amounts described in this section.

13 **SEC. 315. CURRENT POLICY RESERVE FUND FOR MIDDLE**
14 **CLASS TAX RELIEF.**

15 (a) **PROCEDURE.**—The chairman of the Committee
16 on the Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and
17 other appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint
18 resolution, amendment, or conference report that would
19 decrease revenues by an amount not to exceed
20 \$698,571,000,000 in fiscal years 2010 through 2014 and,
21 for the purposes of the Rules of the House of Representa-
22 tives, by an amount not to exceed \$1,848,523,000,000 in
23 fiscal years 2010 through 2019, by extending certain pro-
24 visions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for middle
25 class tax relief, including the—

- 1 (1) 10 percent individual income tax bracket;
- 2 (2) marriage penalty relief;
- 3 (3) child credit at \$1,000 and partial
- 4 refundability of the credit;
- 5 (4) education incentives;
- 6 (5) other incentives for middle class families
- 7 and children;
- 8 (6) other reductions to individual income tax
- 9 brackets; and
- 10 (7) small business tax relief.

11 (b) APPLICABILITY.—For the purposes of section
12 401(a) of this resolution, the adjustments made pursuant
13 to this section shall apply only to a measure that includes
14 the policies and the amounts described in this section.

15 **SEC. 316. CURRENT POLICY RESERVE FUND FOR REFORM**
16 **OF THE ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX (AMT).**

17 (a) PROCEDURE.—The chairman of the Committee
18 on the Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and
19 other appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint
20 resolution, amendment, or conference report that would
21 decrease revenues by an amount not to exceed
22 \$68,650,000,000 in fiscal years 2010 through 2014 and
23 fiscal years 2010 through 2019 by reforming the AMT
24 so that tens of millions of working families will not become
25 subject to it.

1 (b) APPLICABILITY.—For the purposes of section
2 401(a) of this resolution, the adjustments made pursuant
3 to this section shall apply only to a measure that includes
4 the policies and the amounts described in this section.

5 **SEC. 317. CURRENT POLICY RESERVE FUND FOR REFORM**
6 **OF THE ESTATE AND GIFT TAX.**

7 (a) PROCEDURE.—The chairman of the Committee
8 on the Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and
9 other appropriate levels in this resolution for any bill, joint
10 resolution, amendment, or conference report that would
11 decrease revenues by an amount not to exceed
12 \$72,033,000,000 in fiscal years 2010 through 2014 and,
13 for the purposes of the Rules of the House of Representa-
14 tives, by an amount not to exceed \$256,244,000,000 in
15 fiscal years 2010 through 2019 by reforming the Estate
16 and Gift Tax so that only a minute fraction of estates
17 owe tax, by extending the law as in effect in 2009 for the
18 Estate and Gift Tax.

19 (b) APPLICABILITY.—For the purposes of section
20 401(a) of this resolution, the adjustments made pursuant
21 to this section shall apply only to a measure that includes
22 the policies and the amounts described in this section.

1 **TITLE IV—BUDGET**
2 **ENFORCEMENT**

3 **SEC. 401. ADJUSTMENTS FOR DIRECT SPENDING AND REV-**
4 **ENUES.**

5 (a) ADJUSTMENTS TO MAINTAIN CURRENT POL-
6 ICY.—

7 (1) Subject to the condition specified in para-
8 graph (3), when the chairman of the Committee on
9 the Budget evaluates the budgetary effects of a pro-
10 vision in any bill, joint resolution, amendment, or
11 conference report for the purposes of the Congres-
12 sional Budget Act of 1974, this resolution, or the
13 Rules of the House of Representatives relative to
14 baseline estimates that are consistent with section
15 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
16 Control Act of 1985, he shall exclude from his eval-
17 uation the budgetary effects of such provision if
18 such effects would have been reflected in a baseline
19 adjusted to maintain current policy.

20 (2) Paragraph (1) applies only to a provision
21 with respect to which the chairman of the Com-
22 mittee on the Budget has exercised his authority to
23 make budgetary adjustments under sections 314,
24 315, 316, and 317 of this resolution.

1 (3) Paragraph (1) shall apply only if the House
2 of Representatives has previously passed a bill to im-
3 pose statutory pay-as-you-go requirements, or the
4 measure containing the provision being evaluated by
5 the chairman of the Committee on the Budget im-
6 poses such requirements, and only if such bill is des-
7 ignated as providing statutory pay-as-you-go require-
8 ments under this subsection.

9 (b) LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PRO-
10 GRAM (LIHEAP).—Prior to consideration of a bill, joint
11 resolution, amendment, or conference report making ap-
12 propriations for fiscal year 2010 that appropriates
13 \$3,200,000,000 in funding for the Low-Income Home En-
14 ergy Assistance program and provides additional appro-
15 priations of up to \$1,900,000,000 for that program, then
16 the chairman of the Committee on the Budget may revise
17 the budgetary treatment of such additional amounts and
18 allocate such additional budget authority and outlays re-
19 sulting from that budget authority to the Committee on
20 Appropriations.

21 (c) DEPOSIT INSURANCE.—When the chairman of
22 the Budget Committee evaluates the budgetary effects of
23 a provision of a bill, joint resolution, amendment, or con-
24 ference report for the purposes of the Congressional Budg-
25 et Act of 1974, this resolution, or the Rules of the House

1 of Representatives, the chairman shall exclude the budg-
2 etary effects of any provision that affects the full funding
3 of the deposit insurance guarantee commitment in effect
4 on the date of enactment of Public Law 110–343, the
5 Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008.

6 **SEC. 402. ADJUSTMENTS TO DISCRETIONARY SPENDING**

7 **LIMITS.**

8 (a) PROGRAM INTEGRITY INITIATIVES.—

9 (1) SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION PRO-
10 GRAM INTEGRITY INITIATIVES.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—Prior to consideration
12 of any bill, joint resolution, amendment, or con-
13 ference report making appropriations for fiscal
14 year 2010 that appropriates \$273,000,000 for
15 continuing disability reviews and Supplemental
16 Security Income redeterminations for the Social
17 Security Administration and (except as pro-
18 vided in subparagraph (B)) provides an addi-
19 tional appropriation of up to \$485,000,000, and
20 that amount is designated for continuing dis-
21 ability reviews and Supplemental Security In-
22 come redeterminations for the Social Security
23 Administration, the allocation to the Committee
24 on Appropriations shall be increased by the
25 amount of the additional budget authority and

1 outlays resulting from that budget authority for
2 fiscal year 2010.

3 (B) ASSET VERIFICATION.—The additional
4 appropriation of \$485,000,000 may also provide
5 that a portion of that amount, not to exceed
6 \$34,000,000, instead may be used for asset
7 verification for Supplemental Security Income
8 recipients, but only if and to the extent that the
9 Office of the Chief Actuary estimates that the
10 initiative would be at least as cost effective as
11 the redeterminations of eligibility described in
12 subparagraph (A).

13 (2) INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TAX COMPLI-
14 ANCE.—Prior to consideration of any bill, joint reso-
15 lution, amendment, or conference report making ap-
16 propriations for fiscal year 2010 that appropriates
17 \$5,117,000,000 to the Internal Revenue Service for
18 Enforcement and provides an additional appropria-
19 tion of up to \$387,000,000 for Enforcement to ad-
20 dress the Federal tax gap, and provides that such
21 sums as may be necessary shall be available from
22 the Operations Support account in the Internal Rev-
23 enue Service to fully support these Enforcement ac-
24 tivities, the allocation to the Committee on Appro-
25 priations shall be increased by the amount of the ad-

1 ditional budget authority and outlays resulting from
2 that budget authority for fiscal year 2010.

3 (3) HEALTH CARE FRAUD AND ABUSE CONTROL
4 PROGRAM.—Prior to consideration of any bill, joint
5 resolution, amendment, or conference report making
6 appropriations for fiscal year 2010 that appropriates
7 up to \$311,000,000, and the amount is designated
8 to the health care fraud and abuse control program
9 at the Department of Health and Human Services,
10 the allocation to the Committee on Appropriations
11 shall be increased by the amount of additional budg-
12 et authority and outlays resulting from that budget
13 authority for fiscal year 2010.

14 (4) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM IN-
15 TEGRITY ACTIVITIES.—Prior to consideration of any
16 bill, joint resolution, amendment, or conference re-
17 port making appropriations for fiscal year 2010 that
18 appropriates \$10,000,000 for in-person reemploy-
19 ment and eligibility assessments and unemployment
20 insurance improper payment reviews for the Depart-
21 ment of Labor and provides an additional appropria-
22 tion of up to \$50,000,000, and the amount is des-
23 ignated for in-person reemployment and eligibility
24 assessments and unemployment insurance improper
25 payment reviews for the Department of Labor, the

1 allocation to the Committee on Appropriations shall
2 be increased by the amount of additional budget au-
3 thority and outlays resulting from that budget au-
4 thority for fiscal year 2010.

5 (5) PARTNERSHIP FUND FOR PROGRAM INTEG-
6 RITY INNOVATION.—Prior to consideration of any
7 bill, joint resolution, amendment, or conference re-
8 port that provides discretionary budget authority for
9 a Partnership Fund for Program Integrity Innova-
10 tion in the Office of Management and Budget in an
11 amount not to exceed \$175,000,000 for fiscal year
12 2010 and that designates the amount for the Part-
13 nership Fund for Program Integrity Innovation in
14 the Office of Management and Budget, the alloca-
15 tion to the Committee on Appropriations shall be in-
16 creased by the amount of the additional budget au-
17 thority and outlays resulting from that budget au-
18 thority for fiscal year 2010.

19 (6) PROCEDURE FOR ADJUSTMENTS.—Prior to
20 consideration of any bill, joint resolution, amend-
21 ment, or conference report, the chairman of the
22 Committee on the Budget shall make the adjust-
23 ments set forth in this subsection for the incre-
24 mental new budget authority in that measure and
25 the outlays resulting from that budget authority if

1 that measure meets the requirements set forth in
2 this subsection.

3 (b) COSTS OF OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENTS AND EMER-
4 GENCY NEEDS.—

5 (1) OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENTS AND RELATED
6 ACTIVITIES.—If any bill, joint resolution, amend-
7 ment, or conference report makes appropriations for
8 fiscal year 2009 or fiscal year 2010 for overseas de-
9 ployments and related activities and such amounts
10 are so designated pursuant to this subparagraph,
11 then new budget authority, outlays, or receipts re-
12 sulting therefrom shall not count for the purposes of
13 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 or this resolu-
14 tion.

15 (2) EMERGENCY NEEDS.—If any bill, joint res-
16 olution, amendment, or conference report makes ap-
17 propriations for discretionary amounts and such
18 amounts are designated as necessary to meet emer-
19 gency needs, then new budget authority and outlays
20 resulting therefrom shall not count for the purposes
21 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 or this res-
22 olution.

1 **SEC. 403. POINT OF ORDER AGAINST ADVANCE APPROPRIA-**
2 **TIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
4 (b), any bill, joint resolution, amendment, or conference
5 report making a general appropriation or continuing ap-
6 propriation may not provide for advance appropriations.

7 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—An advance appropriation may be
8 provided for fiscal year 2011 for programs, projects, ac-
9 tivities, or accounts identified in the report to accompany
10 this resolution or the joint explanatory statement of man-
11 agers to accompany this resolution under the heading “Ac-
12 counts Identified for Advance Appropriations” in an ag-
13 gregate amount not to exceed \$28,852,000,000 in new
14 budget authority, and for 2012, accounts separately iden-
15 tified under the same heading.

16 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “advance
17 appropriation” means any new discretionary budget au-
18 thority provided in a bill or joint resolution making gen-
19 eral appropriations or any new discretionary budget au-
20 thority provided in a bill or joint resolution making con-
21 tinuing appropriations for fiscal year 2010 that first be-
22 comes available for any fiscal year after 2010.

23 **SEC. 404. OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE.**

24 As directed by the Speaker of the House, all commit-
25 tees are instructed to conduct rigorous oversight hearings
26 to root out waste, fraud and abuse in all aspects of Fed-

1 eral spending and Government operations, giving par-
2 ticular scrutiny to issues raised by the Federal Office of
3 the Inspector General or the Comptroller General of the
4 United States. Based upon these oversight efforts, the
5 committees are directed to make recommendations to re-
6 duce wasteful Federal spending to promote deficit reduc-
7 tion and long-term fiscal responsibility. Such rec-
8 ommendations shall be submitted to the Committee on the
9 Budget in the views and estimates reports prepared by
10 committees as required under 301(d) of the Congressional
11 Budget Act of 1974.

12 **SEC. 405. BUDGETARY TREATMENT OF CERTAIN DISCRE-**
13 **TIONARY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section
15 302(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, sec-
16 tion 13301 of the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990, and
17 section 4001 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
18 of 1989, the joint explanatory statement accompanying
19 the conference report on any concurrent resolution on the
20 budget shall include in its allocation under section 302(a)
21 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to the Committee
22 on Appropriations amounts for the discretionary adminis-
23 trative expenses of the Social Security Administration and
24 of the Postal Service.

1 (b) SPECIAL RULE.—For purposes of applying sec-
2 tion 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, esti-
3 mates of the level of total new budget authority and total
4 outlays provided by a measure shall include any off-budget
5 discretionary amounts.

6 **SEC. 406. APPLICATION AND EFFECT OF CHANGES IN ALLO-**
7 **CATIONS AND AGGREGATES.**

8 (a) APPLICATION.—Any adjustments of allocations
9 and aggregates made pursuant to this resolution shall—

10 (1) apply while that measure is under consider-
11 ation;

12 (2) take effect upon the enactment of that
13 measure; and

14 (3) be published in the Congressional Record as
15 soon as practicable.

16 (b) EFFECT OF CHANGED ALLOCATIONS AND AG-
17 GREGATES.—Revised allocations and aggregates resulting
18 from these adjustments shall be considered for the pur-
19 poses of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 as alloca-
20 tions and aggregates included in this resolution.

21 (c) BUDGET COMMITTEE DETERMINATIONS.—For
22 purposes of this resolution, the levels of new budget au-
23 thority, outlays, direct spending, new entitlement author-
24 ity, revenues, deficits, and surpluses for a fiscal year or

1 period of fiscal years shall be determined on the basis of
2 estimates made by the Committee on the Budget.

3 (d) ADJUSTMENTS.—The chairman of the Committee
4 on the Budget may adjust the aggregates, allocations, and
5 other levels in this resolution for legislation which has re-
6 ceived final Congressional approval in the same form by
7 the House of Representatives and the Senate, but has yet
8 to be presented to or signed by the President at the time
9 of final consideration of this resolution.

10 **SEC. 407. ADJUSTMENTS TO REFLECT CHANGES IN CON-**
11 **CEPTS AND DEFINITIONS.**

12 Upon the enactment of any bill or joint resolution
13 providing for a change in budgetary concepts or defini-
14 tions, the chairman of the Committee on the Budget shall
15 adjust any appropriate levels and allocations in this resolu-
16 tion accordingly.

17 **SEC. 408. EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.**

18 The House adopts the provisions of this title—

19 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
20 the House of Representatives and as such they shall
21 be considered as part of the rules of the House, and
22 these rules shall supersede other rules only to the
23 extent that they are inconsistent with other such
24 rules; and

1 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
2 right of the House of Representatives to change
3 those rules at any time, in the same manner, and to
4 the same extent as in the case of any other rule of
5 the House of Representatives.

6 **TITLE V—POLICY**

7 **SEC. 501. POLICY ON MIDDLE-CLASS TAX RELIEF AND REV-** 8 **ENUES.**

9 It is the policy of this resolution to minimize fiscal
10 burdens on working families and their children and grand-
11 children. It is the policy of this resolution to extend the
12 following tax relief consistent with current policy—

13 (1) relief for the tens of millions of middle-in-
14 come households who would otherwise be subject to
15 the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) under current
16 law;

17 (2) middle-class tax relief; and

18 (3) elimination of estate taxes on all but a
19 minute fraction of estates by reforming and substan-
20 tially increasing the unified tax credit.

21 In total, this resolution supports the extension of
22 \$1,700,000,000,000 in tax relief to individuals and fami-
23 lies relative to current law. This resolution supports addi-
24 tional, deficit-neutral tax relief, including the extension of
25 AMT relief, the research and experimentation tax credit,

1 the deduction for State and local sales taxes, the enact-
2 ment of a tax credit for school construction bonds, and
3 other tax relief for working families. The cost of enacting
4 such policies may be offset by reforms within the Internal
5 Revenue Code of 1986 that produce higher rates of tax
6 compliance to close the “tax gap” and reduce taxpayer
7 burdens through tax simplification. The President’s budg-
8 et proposes a variety of other revenue offsets. Unless ex-
9 pressly provided, this resolution does not assume any of
10 the specific revenue offset proposals provided for in the
11 President’s budget. Decisions about specific revenue off-
12 sets are made by the Ways and Means Committee, which
13 is the tax-writing committee.

14 **SEC. 502. POLICY ON DEFENSE PRIORITIES.**

15 It is the policy of this resolution that—

16 (1) there is no higher priority than the defense
17 of our Nation, and therefore the Administration and
18 Congress will make the necessary investments and
19 reforms to strengthen our military so that it can
20 successfully meet the threats of the 21st century;

21 (2) acquisition reform is needed at the Depart-
22 ment of Defense to end excessive cost growth in the
23 development of new weapons systems and to ensure
24 that weapons systems are delivered on time and in

1 adequate quantities to equip our servicemen and
2 servicewomen;

3 (3) the Department of Defense should review
4 defense plans to ensure that weapons developed to
5 counter Cold War-era threats are not redundant and
6 are applicable to 21st century threats;

7 (4) sufficient resources should be provided for
8 the Department of Defense to aggressively address
9 the 758 unimplemented recommendations made by
10 the Government Accountability Office (GAO) since
11 2001 to improve practices at the Department of De-
12 fense, which could save billions of dollars that could
13 be applied to priorities identified in this section;

14 (5) the Department of Defense should review
15 the role that contractors play in its operations, in-
16 cluding the degree to which contractors are per-
17 forming inherently governmental functions, to ensure
18 it has the most effective mix of government and con-
19 tracted personnel;

20 (6) the Department of Defense report to Con-
21 gress on its assessment of Cold War-era weaponry,
22 its progress on implementing GAO recommenda-
23 tions, and its review of contractors at the Depart-
24 ment as outlined in paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) by

1 a date to be determined by the appropriate commit-
2 tees;

3 (7) the GAO provide a report to the appropriate
4 congressional committees by December 31, 2009, on
5 the Department of Defense's progress in imple-
6 menting its audit recommendations;

7 (8) ballistic missile defense technologies that
8 are not proven to work through adequate testing and
9 that are not operationally viable should not be de-
10 ployed, and that no funding should be provided for
11 the research or development of space-based intercep-
12 tors;

13 (9) cooperative threat reduction and other non-
14 proliferation programs (securing "loose nukes" and
15 other materials used in weapons of mass destruc-
16 tion), which were highlighted as high priorities by
17 the 9/11 Commission, need to be funded at a level
18 that is commensurate with the evolving threat;

19 (10) readiness of our troops, particularly the
20 National Guard and Reserves, is a high priority, and
21 that continued emphasis is needed to ensure ade-
22 quate equipment and training;

23 (11) improving military health care services and
24 ensuring quality health care for returning combat
25 veterans is a high priority;

1 (12) military pay and benefits should be en-
2 hanced to improve the quality of life for military
3 personnel and their families;

4 (13) the Department of Defense should make
5 every effort to investigate the national security bene-
6 fits of energy independence, including those that
7 may be associated with alternative energy sources
8 and energy efficiency conversions;

9 (14) the Administration's budget requests
10 should continue to comply with section 1008, Public
11 Law 109-364, the John Warner National Defense
12 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, and that to
13 the extent practicable overseas military operations
14 should no longer be funded through emergency sup-
15 plemental appropriations; and

16 (15) when assessing security threats and re-
17 viewing the programs and funding needed to counter
18 these threats, the Administration should do so in a
19 comprehensive manner that includes all agencies in-
20 volved in our national security.

21 **TITLE VI—SENSE OF THE HOUSE**

22 **SEC. 601. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON VETERANS' AND** 23 **SERVICEMEMBERS' HEALTH CARE.**

24 It is the sense of the House that—

1 (1) the House supports excellent health care for
2 current and former members of the United States
3 Armed Services—they have served well and honor-
4 ably and have made significant sacrifices for this
5 Nation;

6 (2) the President’s budget will improve health
7 care for veterans by increasing appropriations for
8 VA by 10 percent more than the 2009 level, increas-
9 ing VA’s appropriated resources for every year after
10 2010, and restoring health care eligibility to addi-
11 tional nondisabled veterans with modest incomes;

12 (3) VA is not and should not be authorized to
13 bill private insurance companies for treatment of
14 health conditions that are related to veterans’ mili-
15 tary service;

16 (4) VA may find it difficult to realize the level
17 of increase in medical care collections estimated in
18 the President’s budget for 2010 using existing au-
19 thorities; therefore, this resolution provides
20 \$540,000,000 more for Function 700 (Veterans
21 Benefits and Services) than the President’s budget
22 to safeguard the provision of health care to veterans;

23 (5) it is important to continue providing suffi-
24 cient and timely funding for veterans’ and
25 servicemembers’ health care; and

1 (6) this resolution provides additional funding
2 above the 2009 levels for VA to research and treat
3 mental health, post-traumatic stress disorder, and
4 traumatic brain injury.

5 **SEC. 602. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON HOMELAND SECURITY.**

6 It is the sense of the House that because making the
7 country safer and more secure is such a critical priority,
8 the resolution therefore provides robust resources in the
9 four budget functions—Function 400 (Transportation),
10 Function 450 (Community and Regional Development),
11 Function 550 (Health), and Function 750 (Administra-
12 tion of Justice)—that fund most nondefense homeland se-
13 curity activities that can be used to address our key secu-
14 rity priorities, including—

15 (1) safeguarding the Nation’s transportation
16 systems, including rail, mass transit, ports, and air-
17 ports;

18 (2) continuing with efforts to identify and to
19 screen for threats bound for the United States;

20 (3) strengthening border security;

21 (4) enhancing emergency preparedness and
22 training and equipping first responders;

23 (5) helping to make critical infrastructure more
24 secure and resilient against the threat of terrorism
25 and natural disasters;

1 (6) making the Nation's cyber infrastructure
2 resistive to attack; and

3 (7) increasing the preparedness of the public
4 health system.

5 **SEC. 603. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON PROMOTING AMERICAN**
6 **INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC COMPETITIVE-**
7 **NESS.**

8 It is the sense of the House that—

9 (1) the House should provide sufficient invest-
10 ments to enable our Nation to continue to be the
11 world leader in education, innovation, and economic
12 growth as envisioned in the goals of the America
13 COMPETES Act;

14 (2) this resolution builds on significant funding
15 provided in the American Recovery and Reinvest-
16 ment Act for scientific research and education in
17 Function 250 (General Science, Space and Tech-
18 nology), Function 270 (Energy), Function 300 (Nat-
19 ural Resources and Environment), Function 500
20 (Education, Training, Employment, and Social Serv-
21 ices), and Function 550 (Health);

22 (3) the House also should pursue policies de-
23 signed to ensure that American students, teachers,
24 businesses, and workers are prepared to continue

1 leading the world in innovation, research, and tech-
2 nology well into the future; and

3 (4) this resolution recognizes the importance of
4 the extension of investments and tax policies that
5 promote research and development and encourage
6 innovation and future technologies that will ensure
7 American economic competitiveness.

8 **SEC. 604. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING PAY PARITY.**

9 It is the sense of the House that rates of compensa-
10 tion for civilian employees of the United States should be
11 adjusted at the same time, and in the same proportion,
12 as are rates of compensation for members of the uni-
13 formed services.

14 **SEC. 605. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON COLLEGE AFFORD-**
15 **ABILITY.**

16 It is the sense of the House that nothing in this reso-
17 lution should be construed to reduce any assistance that
18 makes college more affordable and accessible for students,
19 including but not limited to student aid programs and
20 services provided by nonprofit State agencies.

21 **SEC. 606. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON GREAT LAKES RES-**
22 **TORATION.**

23 It is the sense of the House that this resolution recog-
24 nizes the importance of funding for an interagency initia-
25 tive to address regional environmental issues that affect

1 the Great Lakes, and that coordinated planning and im-
2 plementation among the Federal, State, and local govern-
3 ment and nongovernmental stakeholders is essential to
4 more effectively addressing the most significant problems
5 within the Great Lakes basin.