

ALLOCATION OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO SENATE COMMITTEES OTHER THAN APPROPRIATIONS—Continued  
(\$ billions)

	2017	2017–2021	2017–2026
Outlays .....	0.000	0.000	0.000
Unassigned to Committee:			
Budget Authority .....	–844.671	–4,649.869	–10,724.965
Outlays .....	–835.437	–4,608.689	–10,648.885
Total:			
Budget Authority .....	2,147.641	12,069.053	28,139.769
Outlays .....	2,043.164	11,663.899	27,338.609

Includes entitlements funded in annual appropriations acts.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO SCORECARD FOR THE SENATE  
(\$ billions)

	Balances
Fiscal Years 2016 through 2021 .....	0
Fiscal Years 2016 through 2026 .....	0

TRIBUTE TO DR. ERICA TOWLE

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Dr. Erica Towle, a Knauss Sea Grant fellow on the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and other members of the committee over the past year. Dr. Towle received her Ph.D. in coral reef ecology from the University of Miami. In her post-graduate work, she has used her scientific expertise to inform public policy. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Dr. Towle for all of the fine work she has done. I wish her continued success in the years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLUE WATER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

● Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. The chamber was founded in 1906 by a group of businessowners and entrepreneurs in Port Huron who volunteered their time and financial resources to the growth of the greater Port Huron-Marysville community.

Within its first year, the chamber had accomplished its goal of encouraging economic growth with the addition of new factories and the establishment of an industrial enterprise fund. Its work attracted new business from around Michigan, Illinois, and Kentucky. By the time the chamber was officially incorporated in 1917, it had grown to 905 members. This expansion allowed the chamber to begin to improve the well-being of the Port Huron community, a tradition that continues to this day.

Throughout its history, the Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce has been more than just a way to connect businesses in the Port Huron area. It continually advocates for the community. Over the past few years, the chamber has led initiatives that have addressed housing shortages, advocated for improved conditions in our schools through finance reform and millage

campaigns, and supported campaigns to improve our regional infrastructure. It has fought, time and time again, not just for better business, but for the prosperity of the entire Blue Water region.

Today the Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce continues its great tradition of fostering economic prosperity and community improvement. The guiding force throughout the last century has been the chamber's five core values: integrity, relationships, freedom, excellence, and happiness. By adhering to these values, they have grown and continued to succeed. In 2007, the Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce was awarded the Chamber of the Year Award from the Michigan Association of Chamber Professionals. It received this great honor again in 2010, for its continued and outstanding work in advocacy, education, and assistance programs to its community, a true testament to the membership and leadership. The growth we have seen in the Port Huron over the past few years has been remarkable, and the Blue Water Chamber has been a critical component of that success and progress.

I am pleased today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing such an auspicious milestone for the Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce. On its 100th anniversary, the chamber and its members have much to celebrate, and I wish them continuing success and prosperity in the years ahead.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and treaties which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 84. An act to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons

as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 78. An act to improve the consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders.

H.R. 238. An act to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end-users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end-users manage risks, to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 3. Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2017 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2018 through 2026.

The message further announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. Paulsen of Minnesota, Mr. Schweikert of Arizona, Mrs. Comstock of Virginia, Mr. LaHood of Illinois, Mr. Francis Rooney of Florida, Mrs. Carolyn Maloney of New York, Mr. Delaney of Maryland, Ms. Adams of North Carolina, and Mr. Beyer of Virginia.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 78. An act to improve the consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 238. An act to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end-users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end-users manage risks, to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted: