

REVISION TO SPENDING ALLOCATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020—Continued

(Pursuant to Sections 302 and 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974)

\$ in millions

2020

Memorandum: Detail of Adjustments Made Above						
	Regular	OCO	Program Integrity	Disaster Relief	Emergency	Total
Revised Security Discretionary Budget Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Purpose Outlays	0	128	0	0	0	128
Revised Allocation:						
Revised Security Discretionary Budget Authority						666,500
Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority						621,508
General Purpose Outlays						1,364,379

REMEMBERING MARY GAUTREAUX

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart today that I honor the incredible life of Mary Gautreaux, an Oregonian who never stopped fighting to make our State and our world a better place for all. Throughout her decades-long career working with my colleague Senator WYDEN as a fellow, a field representative, and as deputy State director, she was deeply committed to not only preserving Oregon's natural treasures but making sure Oregonians in every corner of our State had the opportunity to experience them.

Her love for helping others was only paralleled by her passion for Oregon's incredible public lands, which was a cornerstone of her life even long before she joined Senator WYDEN's team. Previously, she fought wildfires and maintained our forests—strenuous, courageous work that is critical to keeping our communities safe. When she transitioned to Senator WYDEN's office, her hard work continued and culminated in countless accomplishments that will shape the lives of Oregonians for generations to come.

On behalf of all Oregonians, I thank her for her generous spirit and her unwavering dedication to serving the people of Oregon. Her contributions will be felt for generations to come, and she will be dearly missed and never forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS GASPAR

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today I wish to bid a fond farewell and recognize the excellent service of my longtime foreign affairs and defense policy adviser, Christopher Gaspar.

Over the past 6 years, Chris has brought expertise, insight, and sage advice across a wide range of defense policy, defense appropriations, and foreign affairs matters that have benefited me directly and, through his service, the Nation.

I have valued Chris's counsel on contentious issues to include Iran's nuclear program and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action to address it; the Israel-Palestinian conflict; U.S.-China relations; human rights issues in Saudi Arabia, Burma, and Tibet; national security space launch; deteriorating conditions in Central American

countries; oversight of the U.S. nuclear arsenal; and U.S. counterterrorism efforts across the globe.

The people of California largely don't know his name, but have benefited from his dedicated work on numerous National Defense Authorization Acts and Defense Appropriations Acts. He has helped enact numerous provisions into law for the betterment of the State, including securing seven C-130 tankers for California to fight wildfires, making California's the largest wildfire aerial fleet in the country. He has worked with our counties and cities to allow underutilized National Guard facilities to be used to combat California's homelessness crisis. This year, he led a comprehensive effort to investigate and draft reforms to address shameful, substandard contract military housing to meet the needs of our servicemembers and their families a provision that I hope will soon be enacted in this year's defense bill.

Chris has been by my side for numerous sensitive meetings with foreign leaders, ambassadors, military commanders, corporate chiefs, and local officials, and he has always exhibited a level of professionalism, dedication, and empathy that I deeply admire and appreciate.

He has also helped California constituents facing issues abroad, served as a valued mentor to junior staff, dedicated himself to liaison relationships with the House of Representatives on coffee meetings, proven himself to be an integral member of my appropriations team, and was always ready with a quip—sometimes humorous—to help lighten the mood.

Chris is moving on to the private sector—hopefully temporarily—and will spend some much deserved down-time with his new wife. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors, and my staff and I will deeply miss him.

Thank you

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CRAIG BECKER

• Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Craig Becker, who, after 42 years in the health care system, including 26 years leading the Tennessee Hospital Association, is retiring this month. Considering how the

health care system has changed in those four decades, I can imagine Craig has many stories he could tell of what can happen when people seek to help others as our healthcare professionals do.

For those of us from Tennessee, we know Craig is an advocate for hospitals, providing an articulate explanation on issues ranging from Medicare hospital wage disparities to leveling the playing field for Tennessee on Medicaid disproportionate share hospital payment issues, to seeking solutions for rural communities in maintaining a medical presence.

Craig's dedication has never been about just his job or solely about his service to those working in health care. Several years ago, when was asked in an interview, "what has been your worst decision," he answered, "dropping out of the Boy Scouts before obtaining his Eagle rank." Craig has more than made up for that—for 25 years, he has served as the Assistant Scout Master of Troup 1 in Brentwood Tennessee. Craig has spent dozens of weekends through those two and a half decades hiking and camping with the Boy Scouts of central Tennessee including camping in both Tennessee State and our nation's National Parks. He has participated in jamborees as far away as the World Jamboree in Chile several years ago. Among his many awards, he is a 'Life Scout' which is a badge given for those who can help point Scouts the right way in life "as truly as does a compass in the field."

I was a Boy Scout, and know the lessons one can learn about the great American outdoors, serving your community, and lifelong friendships. It makes sense to me that someone so involved in scouting, has dedicated his professional life to improving Tennessee and our nation's healthcare system.

While Craig may be retiring from his day job with THA, we are thankful he plans to continue to serve the Boy Scouts and his community.

I congratulate Craig on a lifetime of service, and wish all the best in retirement to him, his wife Angie—a retired nurse practitioner—and their two sons.●

TRIBUTE TO "MISS ROXIE" GIBSON

• Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, today I wish to acknowledge the well-deserved retirement of Nashville, Tennessee's own Roxie Gibson.

Roxie, or, "Miss Roxie," as we all know her, dedicated her professional life to the service and support of her church, community, and the children who fill the halls each weekday at Oak Hill School in Nashville.

In a time when acts of kindness are more often than not eclipsed by the

drama and bustle of everyday life, Miss Roxie taught generations of students—and their parents and neighbors, too—to value curiosity and a loving spirit and to never take friendship for granted. Her smiling face will be missed around the halls of Oak Hill School.

She is truly irreplaceable.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in wishing Miss Roxie a happy and fulfilling retirement.●

REMEMBERING MILO J. SHULT

● Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Milo J. Shult, whose steady hand led the University of Arkansas System's Division of Agriculture for 18 years. Milo passed away on July 19, 2019.

Dr. Milo Shult was originally from Keokuk, IA, and after graduating with his Ph.D. from Iowa State University, started his career in agriculture for the Texas A&M University System. In 1992, he became the University of Arkansas System's vice president for agriculture, a position he held for 18 years. Throughout his tenure, Milo transformed the Division of Agriculture to enhance its research and extension capabilities to become one of the finest in the Nation.

Throughout his 38-year career in public agricultural research and extension, Milo was a dedicated advocate for agriculture. He served on several local, State and national committees, including the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching, CARET; Arkansas Agriculture Board; as chairman of the board for the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics, NAREEE; and chair of the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute. In 2011, Milo was inducted into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame.

The impact of his career and leadership are once again being acknowledged as the division is commemorating Milo's years of service by renaming the Arkansas Agricultural Research & Extension Center in his honor. Starting on its 100th anniversary, "The Farm," as it is known in Fayetteville, will now be called the Milo J. Shult Agricultural Research & Extension Center.

Milo Shult left a mark on the University of Arkansas System and our State's agriculture community that no one will soon forget. I am proud that this is one more piece of Milo's legacy that will live on at the Division of Agriculture, and I hope that future leaders will follow his remarkable example.●

RECOGNIZING WIMMER'S DIAMONDS

● Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the legacy of Wimmer's Diamonds, which this month is celebrating a century of doing business in Fargo.

Throughout these years, this fourth-generation jewelry store has been a mainstay in downtown Fargo. It has grown along with the city, adding a second location at West Acres Mall in 1985.

The business began as the Fargo Jewelry Manufacturing Company, founded by Fred Wimmer, a Hungarian immigrant who arrived in New York City in 1907. He began working in America at Tiffany & Co. as an engraver. He moved West 3 years later, continuing his work in Minneapolis and Owatonna, Minnesota, for 6 more years before arriving in Fargo in 1919.

In the years since, the Wimmer family has designed, sold, and serviced diamonds to customers throughout the region. The responsibility for keeping the business going has been passed on from Fred to his son, Art, then to grandson Andy, and on to the current generation of owners, Brad Wimmer and his son, Aaron.

Likewise, Wimmer's Diamonds has been a destination for generations of customers, who have looked to it as a trusted partner when occasions call for a gift of diamonds and fine jewelry.

In a time when there are fewer family-owned businesses, Wimmer's has been successful by adapting to the changes of retail management and customer preferences. It has been long established as a valued member of the community, giving back over the years in every way possible.

I congratulate the entire Wimmer family for a century of business in Fargo. Wimmer's Diamonds is testament to the importance of small businesses in communities of all sizes across the Nation and the impact entrepreneurs have on our American economy.

You have enhanced the quality of life we treasure in North Dakota and have set a very high bar for being a dedicated community partner. Thank you for all you have done to enhance the happy occasions in the lives of your customers, and I hope you will remain part of our celebrations for many years to come.●

RECOGNIZING THE HARDIN MARCHING BAND

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing the Hardin High School Marching Band for being selected to represent Montana at the 2020 Independence Day Parade in Washington, DC.

Countless hours of practice, dedication, and hard work earned these young musicians this prestigious honor, and I am proud they are representing the Treasure State on the national stage.

While making their way to Washington, DC, these students will have the opportunity to travel on a 10-day journey across the country before reaching the Nation's Capital. They will get to experience some of America's national attractions like Mount Rushmore, Wrigley Stadium, and the

National Football Hall of Fame. The memories these young leaders will make on this trip will last them a lifetime.

It is my honor to recognize the Hardin High School Marching Band. Their talent and musical ability is a testament to the quality of the music education programs we have in Big Sky Country. I know that they will make all of Montana proud.●

REMEMBERING BOB ANDERSON

● Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, today, along with Senator TINA SMITH of Minnesota, I rise to acknowledge the passing of a longtime advocate, mayor, and friend, International Falls Mayor Bob Anderson, who died unexpectedly on September 20, 2019. Described by those who knew him as the "voice and face of International Falls," Bob spent five decades in public service to the hometown and community he loved.

A lifelong resident of International Falls and graduate of Rainy River Community College, Bob spent 51 years working for the local Boise paper mill, including 25 as the public affairs manager for the Boise Cascade Corporation.

Bob was passionate about his community, and his love was reflected in his years of dedication to the airport, hospital, Highway 53 Task Force, the county, anything and everything connected to his beloved International Falls. He truly left his mark on his beloved hometown from his seats on the city council, the chamber of commerce, and as its devoted mayor—serving first from 1968 to 1986 and then elected again in 2013. And he still wasn't done; he had made clear that he was fully intending to seek another term next year.

Bob was also dedicated to improving communities across Minnesota through decades of service on numerous statewide committees and advocacy organizations, including as a president of the League of Minnesota Cities, as a member of the Minnesota Forestry Association, and as chairman of our Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

He also chaired the International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission for over 30 years, helping to secure Federal grant money for the airport that serves as a major corridor between the "icebox of the Nation" and those who flock to the area to hunt, fish, and enjoy the beauty of northern Minnesota. Earlier this year and in large part due to Bob's efforts, the International Falls Airport opened a brand new terminal.

The airport was just one of the many legacies Bob leaves behind. In the words of Representative Rob Ecklund of International Falls, "You can't go anywhere in northern Minnesota without seeing his fingerprint on it, from airports to roads. He left a tremendous lasting imprint."

We are thankful we were able to work with Bob on so many of these projects—from economic development initiatives to youth programs—and will