

accomplished the mission that our country has laid out for us.

That is what General Petraeus had to say. Then he gave us an idea of the caliber of the men and women who are serving our country in Iraq. Talking more about the commitment they have to their task, here is what General Petraeus said:

I think that that's a very important factor in what our soldiers are doing, in addition to the fact that, frankly, they also just respect the individuals with whom they are carrying out this important mission, the men and women on their right and left who share very important values, among them selfless service and devotion to duty. And that, indeed, is a huge factor in why many of us continue to serve and to stay in uniform, because the privilege of serving with such individuals is truly enormous.

The Defense Department is currently revising its spending requests for the current fiscal year, but that is no reason to deny the funds it already said it needs to get through the spring. The fact that we are waiting on a request for more is not an excuse to deliver nothing.

The men and women who are serving our country deserve better. Let's not pass up the chance to acknowledge their "selfless service and devotion to duty" by giving them exactly what they need—before we conclude this session of Congress.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 49, the adjournment resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 49) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 49) was agreed to, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 49

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate recesses or adjourns on Thursday, October 4, 2007, or Friday, October 5, 2007, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until 12 noon on Monday, October 15, 2007, or such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate, after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the Senate to reassemble at such place and time as he may designate if, in his opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND JUSTICE, AND SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.R. 3093, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3093) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the substitute amendment, which is at the desk, and the text of the Senate committee-reported bill be considered and agreed to; the bill, as amended, be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment; and that no points of order be considered waived by this agreement.

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

The amendment (No. 3211) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Amendments Submitted and Proposed.")

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I am proud to present to the U.S. Senate the bill to fund the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and our science agencies. I want to thank Senators REID and MCCONNELL for agreeing to bring up the CJS bill, and Chairman BYRD and Ranking Member COCHRAN for the CJS Subcommittee's robust 302(b) allocation. This is a bipartisan bill. Senator SHELBY and I worked hand-in-hand. I thank him and his excellent staff for their partnership.

The CJS bill totals \$54 billion in discretionary budget authority. Did we spend more than the President asked for? You bet we did. We are proud that our bill is \$3.2 billion above the President's budget request.

Let's talk about how we spent the money. The subcommittee had three priorities:

Security—keeping 300 million Americans safe from terrorism and violent crime.

Innovation—investments in science and technology to create jobs that will stay in the United States.

Accountability—fiscal accountability and stewardship of taxpayer dollars, standing sentry against waste, fraud and abuse.

The subcommittee's first priority is protecting America from terrorism and violent crime. The Justice Department is almost 50 percent of the CJS bill. Funding for Justice totals almost \$25 billion, \$2.1 billion more than the President's request. The CJS bill funds our major Federal law enforcement agencies, and our State and local cops on the beat.

CJS funds the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI. The FBI is our domestic national security agency. It has a dual mission—disrupting terrorism on U.S. soil—tracking and taking down terror cells and dismantling dirty bombs, as well as fighting violent crime in our communities. The CJS bill provides \$6.6 billion for the FBI, \$150 million more than the President's budget request. This includes almost \$4 billion for FBI counterterrorism. Our bill will put 230 new counterterrorism agents on the beat and give agents new tools to collect intelligence to protect Americans here at home. At the same time, the President's budget cut 100 FBI agents dedicated to fighting violent crime. This is outrageous—because for the first time in almost 15 years, violent crime has increased. Robberies are up 7 percent. Homicides are up 2 percent. Nearly every region of the country has been affected—from large cities to small communities. We've heard from our colleagues that the FBI needs more agents fighting violent crime in their communities. The CJS bill rejects the President's irresponsible cut. We provide full funding to retain 100 FBI agents that the President eliminated.

The CJS bill also funds the Drug Enforcement Administration, DEA. The DEA is an international agency—in over 60 countries, with significant local responsibilities. It's fighting a \$330 billion annual drug trade in over 60 countries around the world. Drugs finance over two-thirds of all terrorist activity, including the Taliban. The DEA is in Afghanistan fighting narcoterrorism, working hand-in-hand with our military to disrupt the poppy trade that funds terrorist networks. And the DEA is in our communities, fighting the scourge of illegal drugs like heroin and meth that destroy our neighborhoods. We were horrified to learn that the DEA has a hiring freeze. The DEA can't hire new agents. This is outrageous—so we added \$50 million to DEA to lift the hiring freeze so DEA can hire up 200 new agents to fight drugs at home and abroad.

The CJS bill funds the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, ATF, which investigates arson and stops illegal firearms trafficking. The ATF is working hand-in-hand with our military to disable the improvised explosive devices, IEDs, that are so perilous to our troops on the battlefield. We provide robust support for our U.S. Marshals Service, keeping our marshals on the beat to track down dangerous fugitives—including sexual predators and drug kingpins—protect