

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (P.L. 110–28)	120,803	31,116	n.a.

² Excludes administrative expenses of the Social Security Administration, which are off-budget.

³ Periodically, the Senate Committee on the Budget revises the totals in S. Con. Res. 21, pursuant to various provisions of the resolution.

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Original Budget Resolution	2,380,535	2,300,572	1,900,340
Revisions:			
To reflect the difference between the assumed and actual nonemergency supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2007 (section 207(f))	-4,187	-823	0
For extension of the Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA) program (section 320c)	12	3	0
For the Higher Education Access Act (section 306)	-4,890	-4,890	0
Revised Budget Resolution	2,371,470	2,294,862	1,900,340

⁴ S. Con. Res. 21, as adjusted pursuant to section 207(f), assumed \$120,803 million in budget authority and \$31,116 million in outlays from emergency supplemental appropriations. Such emergency amounts are exempt from the enforcement of the budget resolution. Since current level totals exclude the emergency requirements enacted in P.L. 110–28 (see footnote 1), budget authority and outlay totals specified in the budget resolution have also been reduced (by the amounts assumed for emergency supplemental appropriations) for purposes of comparison.

Note: n.a. = not applicable; P.L. = Public Law.
Source: Congressional Budget Office.

SCHIP

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to talk about a program that is important to me and to the low-income children in this country: the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

I am a strong supporter of the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and want the program to cover all uninsured, lower income children. I fully support a reauthorization of this program, but I also support the President's decision to veto the flawed SCHIP bill sent to him by Congress.

The SCHIP legislation that was vetoed by the President yesterday includes frivolous spending, expands coverage to children already covered by private insurance and neglects the original intent of the program—to provide health coverage for low-income children. While I support the reauthorization of SCHIP, I do not support legislation that expands the program and serves as an initial step towards government-run health care.

The State Children's Health Insurance Program works! It has enrolled low-income eligible children in a health coverage program to ensure that they have adequate access to coverage and services. While the program is certainly a success, there are some oversights that need to be addressed. Congress has been given the opportunity to tackle these issues with the reauthorization of the program. In Colorado we have yet to enroll all of the currently eligible children of low-income families into the SCHIP program. We should focus our attention on enrolling these children instead of fighting over an expansion of the program. Expanding eligibility requirements would only make it harder for the neediest children in Colorado, and the Nation, to receive coverage.

I am a strong supporter of the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and want the program to cover all uninsured, lower income children. I support giving Americans the opportunity to access health care, and giving them the ability to purchase affordable suitable private coverage. I support the effort by many Members of this body to spend in a fiscally responsible way,

without increasing taxes or using budget gimmicks. More importantly, I support putting children first.

The State Children's Health Insurance Program was put in place to cover low-income children who would otherwise not have access to health coverage. The SCHIP agreement that passed the House and Senate not only disregards the original intent of the program, but also reauthorizes the program in a fiscally irresponsible manner that will end up costing the taxpayers \$12.5 billion in the final year of the authorization. For example, the revenue source for the reauthorization is being sold as a tax increase on cigarettes which is expected to reduce the number of people smoking, but this is an unstable revenue source. I don't agree with paying for a program as important as the State Children's Health Insurance Program with an unsustainable income.

The State Children's Health Insurance Program can be reauthorized in a way that increases the number of enrolled children who are currently eligible for the program. While I oppose the expansion of the program, I do not oppose reauthorization and therefore I am cosponsoring the SCHIP Extension Act of 2007, S. 2086, which will fully fund the current program for 18 months, and give Congress more time to discuss the best way to reauthorize the program. SCHIP was scheduled to expire on September 30 and it is imperative that Congress reauthorize the current program to ensure that children of lower income families still receive health coverage. I will also be cosponsoring the Kids First Act, as an alternative proposal for the reauthorization of the SCHIP program.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

SERGEANT GERALD J. CASSIDY

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude to honor the life of a brave soldier from Carmel, IN. Gerald Cassidy, 31 years old, died September 21 in Fort Knox, KY. Gerald was on medical hold after sustaining injuries in Iraq from a roadside bomb. With an optimistic future before him, Gerald

risked everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

Gerald was a dedicated and longtime member of the Army. In 1992, Gerald enlisted in the Army Reserve after spending his summers at Culver Military Academy in northern Indiana, where he was named an adjutant commander in charge of 85 other academy goers and was a member of the Black Horse Troop, an elite equestrian group. In 2003, Gerald joined the Indiana National Guard where he was assigned to the 152nd Mechanized Infantry. He served in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 2004 and in Hurricane Katrina Operation Vigilant Relief in 2005. Sgt. Cassidy received the Humanitarian Service Medal for his stateside service.

Known at "G.J." to his family, Gerald was a natural leader. He volunteered to serve in Iraq with the Minnesota National Guard, who had an opening in their team. He was assigned to Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 150th Field Artillery in Lebanon. For his great service and sacrifice, Gerald's family was presented with the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Badge and the Indiana Distinguished Service Award. Gerald is survived by his wife Melissa Castillo Cassidy; his daughter Abbey, 5 years old; his son Isaac, 3 years old; his mother and stepfather John and Kay McMullen; his father Gerald J. Cassidy; his sister Lisa Hignite; and his brother Darrin Cassidy.

Today, I join Gerald's family and friends in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over this loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is his courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Gerald, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief. Today and always, Gerald will be remembered by family members, friends and fellow Hoosiers as a true American hero, and we honor the sacrifice he made while dutifully serving his country.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring Gerald's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: "We cannot