

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this discussion presents this Congress and the American people with two destiny questions.

The first that all of us must ask ourselves is very simple: Does abortion really kill a baby? If the answer is "yes," there is a second destiny question that inevitably follows.

And it is this, Mr. Speaker: Will we allow ourselves to be dragged by those who have lost their way into a darkness where the light of human compassion has gone out and the predatory survival of the fittest prevails over humanity? Or will America embrace her destiny to lead the world to cherish and honor the God-given miracle of each human life?

Mr. Speaker, it has been said that every baby comes with a message, that God has not yet despaired of mankind. And I mourn that those 4,000 messages sent to us today will never be heard. Mr. Speaker, I also have not yet despaired. Because tonight maybe someone new, maybe even someone in this Congress, who hears this sunset memorial will finally realize that abortion really does kill little babies, that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express, and that 12,826 days spent legally killing nearly 50 million children in America is enough, and that the America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust, is still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their babies than abortion on demand.

So tonight, Mr. Speaker, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of the innocent unborn. May that be the day we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect the least of these, our tiny American brothers and sisters, from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is March 5, 2008—12,826 days since Roe v. Wade—in the land of free and the home of the brave.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANCES BARHAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a life well lived. Last week a great American and a good friend of mine Mrs. Frances Barham of Mayodan, North Carolina, passed away. My friend Frances was a lifelong North Carolinian, a woman dedicated to her community, her State, and her country. She was renowned for her unflagging attention to community issues both large and small. Her example of service is perhaps best exemplified by her receiving the distinguished North Carolina Long Leaf Pine Award, a high honor bestowed on only the finest of North Carolina citizens.

Over the course of her remarkable life, Frances positively influenced countless students in her three-decade-long service in Rockingham County schools. She was an active member of her church for more than 70 years, and was a fixture of community involvement and service.

Everywhere Frances invested her time, she made a difference, whether as a Girl Scout leader, as a member of the Mayodan Historical Society, or as a board member of the John Motley Morehead School of the Blind. In 1990, her long record of service was recognized by the people of Mayodan when she was named the town's Citizen of the Year.

She was also actively involved in the political process, because she knew that freedom meant exercising her political rights as an American. A reflection of her involvement and commitment to the realm of public service is that she was the first woman to chair the Board of Elections of Rockingham County.

While I was not able to attend her funeral on Monday, I know that her life was celebrated by many, and her passing leaves a hole in many, many people's lives. To all she left behind, I extend my sincere condolences. She was a great woman, and we will miss her ready smile and sharp wit.

REVISIONS TO BUDGET ALLOCATIONS AND AGGREGATES FOR HOUSE COMMITTEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND THE PERIOD OF 2008 THROUGH 2012

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, under section 314(d) of S. Con. Res. 21, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for fiscal year 2008, I hereby submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a revision to the budget allocations and aggregates for certain House committees for fiscal year 2008 and the period of 2008 through 2012. This revision represents an adjustment to certain House committee budget allocation and aggregates for the purposes of sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended, and in response to consideration of H.R. 1424 (Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act). Corresponding tables are attached.

Under section 211 of S. Con. Res. 21, this adjustment to the budget allocations and aggregates applies while the measure is under consideration. The adjustments will take effect upon enactment of the measure. For purposes of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended, a revised allocation made under section 211 of S. Con. Res. 21 is to be considered as an allocation included in the resolution.

DIRECT SPENDING LEGISLATION—AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATIONS FOR RESOLUTION CHANGES

(Fiscal years, in millions of dollars)

House Committee	2007		2008		2008–2012 total	
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Current allocation:						
Energy and Commerce	-1	-1	1,571	1,567	2,285	2,272
Ways and Means	0	0	2,830	4,029	-1,814	-1,814
Change in Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act (H.R. 1424):						
Energy and Commerce	0	0	0	0	-840	-840
Ways and Means	0	0	0	0	-360	-360
Total	0	0	0	0	-1,200	-1,200
Revised allocation:						
Energy and Commerce	-1	-1	1,571	1,567	1,445	1,432
Ways and Means	0	0	2,830	4,029	-2,174	-2,174

BUDGET AGGREGATES

(On-budget amounts, in millions of dollars)

	Fiscal year 2007	Fiscal year 2008 ¹	Fiscal Years 2008–2012
Current Aggregates: ²			
Budget Authority	2,250,680	2,354,721	(³)
Outlays	2,263,759	2,358,831	(³)
Revenues	1,900,340	2,016,859	11,141,734
Change in Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act (H.R. 1424):			
Budget Authority	0	0	(³)
Outlays	0	0	(³)
Revenues	0	0	-675
Revised Aggregates:			
Budget Authority	2,250,680	2,354,721	(³)
Outlays	2,263,759	2,358,831	(³)
Revenues	1,900,340	2,016,859	11,141,059

¹ Current aggregates do not include spending covered by section 207(d)(1)(E) (overseas deployments and related activities). The section has not been triggered to date in Appropriations action.

² Excludes emergency amounts exempt from enforcement in the budget resolution.

³ Not applicable because annual appropriations Acts for fiscal years 2009 through 2012 will not be considered until future sessions of Congress.