

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
Adjustments:							
Revised Security Discretionary Budget Authority	.....						0
Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority	.....						0
General Purpose Outlays	.....						128
Revised Allocation:							
Revised Security Discretionary Budget Authority	.....						666,500
Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority	.....						621,508
General Purpose Outlays	.....						1,364,379
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

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