

3. Does the NIH allow researchers to recuse themselves from involvement in the research funded by their own NIH grants? If yes, did the NIH allow Dr. Schatzberg to recuse himself from any of the grants made to him by the NIH?

4. Please provide a list of all NIH grants received by Dr. Schatzberg. For each grant, please provide the following: a. Name of grant; b. Topic of grant; and c. Amount of funding for grant.

5. Please provide a list of any other interactions that Dr. Schatzberg has had with the NIH to include membership on advisory boards, peer review on grants, or the like. The span of this request covers 1998 to the present.

6. Stanford has claimed that Dr. Schatzberg's research has been monitored by an NIH Data Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB). Does the NIH DSMB provide oversight of conflicts of interest for a study? If so, please explain. If not, why not?

I look forward to hearing from you by no later than August 14, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact my Committee staff, Paul Thacker at (202) 224-4515. Any formal correspondence should be sent electronically in PDF searchable format to Brian_Downey@finance-rep.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

CHARLES E. GRASSLEY,
Ranking Member.

CHANGES TO S. CON. RES. 70

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, section 222 of S. Con. Res. 70, the 2009 budget resolution, permits the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to revise the allocations, aggregates, and other levels in the resolution for legislation improving education, including legislation that makes higher education more accessible or more affordable. The revisions are contingent on certain conditions being met, including that such legislation not worsen the deficit over the period of the total of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 or the period of the total of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

I find that the conference report to accompany H.R. 4137, the Higher Education Opportunity Act, satisfies the conditions of the reserve fund for improving education. Therefore, pursuant to section 222, I am adjusting the aggregates in the 2009 budget resolution, as well as the allocation provided to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee.

I ask unanimous consent that the following revisions to S. Con. Res. 70 be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009—S. CON. RES. 70; REVISIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 222 DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR IMPROVING EDUCATION

(In billions of dollars)

Section 101	
(1)(A) Federal Revenues:	
FY 2008	1,875,401
FY 2009	2,029,653
FY 2010	2,204,695
FY 2011	2,413,285
FY 2012	2,506,063
FY 2013	2,626,571
(1)(B) Change in Federal Revenues:	
FY 2008	-3,999

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(In billions of dollars)

FY 2009	-67,746
FY 2010	21,297
FY 2011	-14,785
FY 2012	-151,532
FY 2013	-123,648
(2) New Budget Authority:	
FY 2008	2,564,237
FY 2009	2,538,292
FY 2010	2,566,671
FY 2011	2,692,511
FY 2012	2,734,155
FY 2013	2,858,894
(3) Budget Outlays:	
FY 2008	2,466,678
FY 2009	2,573,270
FY 2010	2,625,593
FY 2011	2,711,470
FY 2012	2,719,582
FY 2013	2,852,035

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(In millions of dollars)

Current Allocation to Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee:	
FY 2008 Budget Authority	9,874
FY 2008 Outlays	9,745
FY 2009 Budget Authority	9,349
FY 2009 Outlays	8,088
FY 2009-2013 Budget Authority	62,263
FY 2009-2013 Outlays	60,084
Adjustments:	
FY 2008 Budget Authority	-10
FY 2008 Outlays	*
FY 2009 Budget Authority	-9
FY 2009 Outlays	-114
FY 2009-2013 Budget Authority	36
FY 2009-2013 Outlays	-60
Revised Allocation to Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee:	
FY 2008 Budget Authority	9,864
FY 2008 Outlays	9,745
FY 2009 Budget Authority	9,340
FY 2009 Outlays	7,974
FY 2009-2013 Budget Authority	62,299
FY 2009-2013 Outlays	60,024

*less than \$500,000.

CHILDREN'S DEATHS BY FIREARMS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, after more than a decade of decline, the number of children and teens killed by firearms is again increasing. I would like to take a moment to break down some of the statistics that contribute to this alarming fact. An analysis of firearm violence data by the Children's Defense Fund found that 3,006 children and teens were killed by guns in 2005. This marked the first time that more than 3,000 kids were killed by firearms in many years and the first yearly increase in the number of children's deaths since 1994. Broken down, this amounts to 1 child or teen dying every 3 hours in America, 8 children a day, or 58 children every week.

Firearms are the cause of death of more children between the ages of 10 and 19 than any other cause except car accidents. In 2005 alone, a shocking 69 preschoolers were killed by firearms. Between 1979 and 2005, gun violence took the lives of over 104,000 children and teens.

A closer look at these 3,006 tragedies show 1,972 children and teens were homicide victims, 822 children and teens committed suicide, and 212 children and teens died in accidental or undetermined circumstances; 2,654 were boys and 352 were girls; 404 were under the age of 15, 131 were under the age of 10, and 69 were under the age of 5.

More than five times as many children and teens suffered nonfatal gun injuries during the same period.

Mr. President, these staggering statistics cannot and must not be ignored. We must strengthen our gun laws to limit children's access to guns. As a father and a grandfather, I urge my colleagues to take up and pass sensible gun safety legislation so that this frightening trend will not continue.

IDAHOANS SPEAK OUT ON HIGH ENERGY PRICES

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, In mid-June, I asked Idahoans to share with me how high energy prices are affecting their lives, and they responded by the hundreds. The stories, numbering over 1,000, are heartbreaking and touching. To respect their efforts, I am submitting every e-mail sent to me through energy_prices@crapo.senate.gov to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. This is not an issue that will be easily resolved, but it is one that deserves immediate and serious attention, and Idahoans deserve to be heard. Their stories not only detail their struggles to meet everyday expenses, but also have suggestions and recommendations as to what Congress can do now to tackle this problem and find solutions that last beyond today. I ask unanimous consent to have today's letters printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

I have a 2001 Hyundai Elantra, well maintained, until lately—I can no longer afford much [periodic maintenance]. In any case, it gets approximately 35 mpg. It now costs me over \$50 to fill the tank. My wife works 32-35 hours per week at [Walmart] in Ontario, Oregon. She makes \$10 per hour, since it's in Oregon. [She drives more than] 18 miles each way to work.

My doctor at [the Veterans Administration hospital] is 86 miles one way. My wife's orthopedic doctor is in Nampa—roughly 50 miles. [She has another doctor] in Meridian—roughly 68 miles each way. I am disabled on Social Security disability. I receive army retirement and VA disability, partially offset by my retired pay.

Thank God and Walmart, I get a slight discount on household expenses at Walmart.

We're talking \$200 per month, or more, for gasoline. Do something besides talk! Drill Here—Drill Now—Pay Less!

TARO.

I doubt you will use this story because it will not help support the corporate energy giants or their lobbyists and it will not reaffirm the status quo as I believe Washington wants to continue to do.

We are paying more for energy at our house, just like everyone else. It costs us more to drive to work, to visit family, to

take a vacation and to keep our home because of high gasoline, electricity, and natural gas costs. Food costs us much more, too.

But we are taking action ourselves to reduce the costs and contribute helping solve the larger question about global warming and what we are doing to our own environment. We bought a hybrid car to reduce gas consumption. We bicycle to work. We turn off lights when we leave the room. We turn down the temperature of our water heater. We contribute to our utilities green energy program. We recycle, reuse, and restore. We invest in only green energy and companies that are forwarding a future that is not dependent on fossil fuels and that gives back to the people and resources they depend on. And we buy only food that is grown in as sustainable way as possible to support the best farmers and the practices they use. We support farmers who are stewards of the land.

And I know high fuel prices are making Americans use less gas, drive less, and think more before they get in the car and take a trip. The same is happening all across America, even previously unresponsive corporations like Walmart and Chevrolet and Ford and General Motors are taking actions to curb fuel costs, use less fuel, make more efficient cars, and save energy because the rising prices and changing energy markets affect their bottom line. The only ones who are not taking any action are those who are making a profit from high energy prices.

The fact is, changes in the world of energy prices and changes in our perspective on how humans are affecting the environment we live in are changing too. And people are taking action rather than wait for our unresponsive and partisan public officials to do something.

If you do anything or want to take any action, promote energy conservation in any and all ways and renewable energy production in all its forms. Under no circumstances should we further exploit the fossil fuel resources this country has. We will need them in the long term so they are investment in our future and best kept where they are and their exploitation now would only speed the further decline of this country and our global environment.

If you want to promote nuclear energy, then any proposal and supporter of such a bill should also volunteer their land and the land of their family for the storage of nuclear waste (the Idaho National Lab does not count). . . Or such proponents should volunteer to move next to the site that will store such waste. If you or anyone else can pass that red face test, then I would support moving ahead with such legislation.

I think, first and foremost, you should pass a cap and trade bill on carbon. It is the only way in which we can develop a viable economy and take advantage of the new opportunities offered by the challenges of energy in the future and preserve the planet in which we live.

I also think that the profits being afforded to energy companies as a result of increasing costs to citizens should be taxed. No one wants to remove corporate profits but record profits and changes in markets to provide for this are opportunities for providing funding for new and important initiatives without undue loss of corporate profitability or returns on investments to shareholders.

The "problem" with America is that we do not want to sacrifice our future for the short term economic gain of a few short years and the short term political gains one party or the other can make. We are not like China in that way and if we stoop to competing with them at that level, we not only destroy the environment but lose our values and what we stand for. This has been the approach of the current administration and its party and it

is something we need to excrete out of our system as soon as possible so that we can once again embrace the democratic principles and public trusts this country was founded on.

I wish you luck and I hope you can see your way to what needs to be done. We all will be doing what we can out here, in the land of the free and home of the brave.

Respectfully,

GREGG.

I work at the site and drive 100 miles roundtrip. Our union per diem has not [increased] in years to stay current with the outrageous gas prices. It has also affected my being able to go to Island Park to the lot my parents bought in 1970 and has since been willed to me. I used to make weekend trips every week but cannot even afford to buy gas to pull the trailer up to the lot, let alone pull the boat up and buy gas for it. I am the Job Supervisor for Construction on the Tank Farm Closure Project and have received several recognition awards for my work and just won the Eagle Award for the Tank Farm. Maybe I can sell them and get money for gas to continue going to work. We need to build Generation IV reactors and start getting our own oil and not depend on foreign countries that can't stand us to begin with.

LARRY, *Blackfoot*.

Like many Americans, my husband and I have tried to support the American economy by buying U.S. branded products; but as we are getting to within seven years of retirement we need to make our retirement savings a top priority. We calculated the cost of owning our Ford vehicles and compared them to the overall cost of a Toyota Prius using \$3.20 a gallon gas cost. The Prius won by a nose, so we bought one last year. This year we traded in our last Ford for another Prius. We have been able to keep our retirement savings at the same level because of these purchases. This, of course, means we can no longer haul the larger loads or go into the back country on the unimproved roads like we did before the cost of gas became unreasonable. We have made accommodations; but the changes have limited our recreation choices. These are minor issues compared to the families who cannot make these changes because they have mortgages that are now close to the value of the property due to the falling real estate market and their other costs have risen with the price of gas. These people are being squeezed from all sides.

KATHLEEN.

[Thank you for not passing the climate change bill] that was one of the stupidest bills I have seen. It is no wonder the approval rating is so low. Keep up the good work—and keep those [other Members] in line—It will take some time, but they will be out [of office soon].

UNSIGNED.

We have seen the prices of not only gas, but groceries, going up and up. Because we need to continue to buy gas in order to keep doctors' appointments, get our son to work, go to church and the grocery store, etc., we have had to purchase less food. The fruits and vegetables are now priced so high, we are unable to include them in our diet. As you know, these are essential for our health! We live on Social Security—and that does not go up! It is becoming more and more of a struggle just to pay our utilities, prescriptions, and insurances. We would love to be able to drive out of state to visit our children, but cannot afford to drive that far. On top of all of that, our property taxes are going up! We pay our bills, then wonder just what we will eat for our next meals! It is almost to the

point that one of us (both in our 70s) will have to find a job.

Thanks for listening to people like us.

KAROL, *Nampa*.

We need to look for alternative fuel. Perhaps now since it is hitting our pocket books we will be more willing. Please stay out of the environmentally-sensitive areas; no need to destroy our environment for short term gain.

Thank You,

ASA.

I was retired and had to go back to work due to the higher energy prices and increases in the cost of food.

ALBERT.

While you sit high and mighty in your posh and air-conditioned jobs, listen in on how two teachers in Idaho have to get by so we can pay our taxes to pay your well-padded salaries. . .

Both my wife and I are State Certified Teachers. Both of us are highly-educated (myself with a Master's in Education from University of Idaho and my wife with a Bachelor's in Special Education from Boise State University). Neither of us can find jobs teaching here in the Treasure Valley because school districts are cutting FTE's in order to spread their already overly-inflated budgets in multiple directions. We have a baby on the way with no medical insurance and no way to qualify for aid as we are considered too wealthy, because we both were teaching last year.

Life is getting interesting for us as we have cut all of our spending in our budgets to buy gas for our little VW bug. We no longer can afford to drive to the movies, as that is gas we need to look for work. We no longer spend money on luxury items, as that is money set aside to buy gas to get to work. We no longer eat out, as all restaurants are rising their prices in order to keep up with their own costs. That is also money we need for gas to get back and forth to work. We work to feed the car now, not each other. We eat Top Ramen, macaroni & cheese, and salads (fine, yes, but it gets old after a while), because we can no longer afford to eat the healthier foods because all of the stores have raised those prices to just outside of our reach. For us, it is now about survival . . . not living.

You politicians need to understand just whose money you are spending when you schedule your flights and eat your meals and then bill it to the people. You need to look at your own waistlines and paychecks and consider taking a pay-cut like we do. You are not there to get rich! You are not there to build your career! You are there to represent us! That is it!

Consider cutting your own spending by brown bagging lunch from your own home budgets and kitchens, instead of ordering and charging it as a tax write-off. Consider video conferencing more often instead of bouncing back and forth across the nation in an airplane for your meetings. Conference call like the rest of us! Ride a bike when you can or a motorcycle or scooter and become the leading example you originally set out to be!

Please understand, from where we are you are an unnecessary expense on our taxes. If the government cannot afford to pay its bills, it should stop spending! Not raise more revenue by raising more taxes.

We the People are looking at a government out of control. As stated in the Declaration of Independence:

" . . . that to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from those governed,—That

whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

This government is bent on overburdening its citizens. According to the Declaration of Independence, such government should be "altered or abolished."

Please do not get me wrong and think I'm anything but a patriotic American. Indeed, I spilled my own blood for this country of mine! I fought a war of bone cancer in the U.S. Navy, causing me to lose my right tibia. I have been fighting for twenty years for a right knee replacement, but I am told I cannot have one because of Veterans Administration policy and budgets. I received a Purple Heart at Balboa Naval Hospital, but it does not show on my DD-214. Am I bitter, yes! But, I still love my country!

There are countless millions of people out here (outside of your 3-piece suits and luxury cars—outside your sphere of influence) who feel just as I do, but there seems to be nothing we can do about it. Vote yes, sure, but ultimately it is you who make the decisions right, wrong, indifferent, fair or not fair. How you make your decisions personally and politically makes the determining factors of whether you stand for us or against us . . . the People of these great United States of America.

You must choose whether or not you get to keep your jobs gentlemen. I now have a Master's Degree, a chip on my shoulder for politicians, a loud voice, and a lot of free time! Shall I work with you or against you?

Here are our requests:

Cut Foreign Oil Purchasing!

Cut All Big Oil Subsidies . . . on all fronts!

Cut your paychecks in half, even for three months to show good faith!

Make 100 percent BioDiesel a priority!

Make diesel vehicles and electric vehicles a priority now!

End gasoline vehicle production now, not 20 years from now!

Make Alternative fuels vehicles a priority now not 20 years from now!

Electrical power can be harnessed all day long in the desert, why isn't it?

Wind energy can be harnessed in the desert, why isn't it?

Why burn coal to make electricity when you can burn Brown's Gas (HHO) for half the cost and zero percent emissions released into the air?

JONATHAN-DAVID, *Meridian*.

Your thinking is not unique . . . it is rhetoric we have heard for the past 30 years. Jimmy Carter and his lies about a shortage are still around. It is you and our Congress that has caused this problem. You allowed the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Environmental Quality and all the environmentalist to control your thinking and votes. I do not think I am wrong in my facts, am I? Your fuel taxes and so-called regulations are taking the U.S. economy down. We will soon be controlled by foreign economies if we do not take our own resources and begin using them. You know we are the 3rd largest oil producer in the world yet we use so much foreign oil that it has become a joke? We had over 500 years of oil and natural gas reserves in the 70's. Can you tell me what happened to them? Do not answer me unless you have the facts about the info from the 70's. I hope you will stand up and be counted when it comes to the controlling liberal environmentalists' whining and crying. I truly believe you can get this done and soon. Tell Congress we need to open

up our reserves. We have plenty for the next few centuries and by then we will have a new energy source. Thanks for listening.

RON.

In your e-mail, you have said that you support wind energy. I was disappointed to see that you voted against the Production Tax Credit that would help the wind industry to continue to grow.

STEPHEN.

I will be 67 this October; my wife is 58. I am still working, at a [lower] salary than I once commanded. This fiasco on gasoline and diesel prices has caused me to wonder if I will ever be able to retire.

I own a motor-home; having traded in my one-ton diesel pickup and a 5th wheel trailer due to the screaming increases in diesel fuel. Now I cannot travel at all the way we had planned and hoped. All of my immediate family is in the Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas areas—it may be that for some of my family I may never see them again. Selling the motor home is foolish at this juncture in that I can never hope to even almost recoup my investment.

It is essential that Congress immediately find and drill for oil anywhere in our own territories. At the same time, there should be major tax breaks given to those that can provide a) sensible alternative fuels or b) major improvements in the internal combustion engine. Nuclear energy has been stupidly legislated out of the future as well.

My concern is that when we had the majority and the President, we did not seem to have the leadership that could provide the increase in oil search, production and refinement. Now it seems that we may no longer have the Presidency and for sure will not regain the majority in the legislature. It is my firm belief that the opposition will choke our economy to death with continued pressures on ethanol or taxation on larger vehicles—all under the wing of left-wing partisanship.

Substantial increases in the supply, while changing the demand via alternative fuels, seem to be the only sensible way to go.

AL, *Hayden*.

REMEMBERING GOVERNOR ANNE ARMSTRONG

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart for the loss of one of Texas' strongest, most influential women, Anne Armstrong. More importantly, I rise today to honor and commemorate her incredible service to Texas and the Nation as a whole.

To understand what kind of a woman Anne Armstrong was, you first need to understand where she came from. A valedictorian graduate of Vassar in 1949, Anne's career started out, not in politics, but on a ranch in southern Texas' Kenedy County with her husband Tobin.

Although she was born in Louisiana, Anne quickly took to Texas life, and enjoyed working on one of Texas' historic ranches, settled in the 19th century. Owning a ranch taught Anne to be tough when necessary, and always polite. She also learned how to talk politics with her husband and his friends, and quickly proved to have a sharp insight into the issues facing our country.

Although her family always came first, Anne's passion for politics led her

to become the Kenedy County Republican Party chair. From there she took off, serving next as Texas Republican Party chair, and eventually as the first woman ever to cochair the Republican National Committee.

One year later Anne made history again when she became the first woman ever to deliver a keynote address to a national party convention.

But Anne's service was never about the notoriety, it was about improving the government of America. In a time when a woman in politics was almost unheard of, Anne Armstrong forced herself into the game, and proved that she belonged there. She became the first ever woman to hold a Presidential Cabinet Position, serving as an adviser to Nixon and to Ford.

When President Ford joked at her swearing-in that his wife was "always needing" him to appoint women to higher positions, Anne quickly retorted "I have the feeling Abigail Adams would have been just as excited as Betty Ford and I."

In her role Anne worked to further advance the roles of women in America. She established the White House Office of Women's Programs, an office dedicated to recruiting and assisting females in obtaining political appointments and high level government employment. Her work, as well as her example, helped lay the groundwork for countless women who have followed her. I know that my colleague, Senator HUTCHISON, attributes much of her success to Anne's example and mentorship.

After serving in the White House, Anne again made history as the first female Ambassador to the United Kingdom. During that time, Anne Armstrong nearly became the first woman on a Presidential ticket, as she was considered by President Ford for the vice presidency.

In what would be her last national position, Anne served at the request of President Reagan on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. She served as the first and only female chair to that board, and served under both Presidents Reagan and Bush.

Ultimately, Anne Armstrong was an adviser to four different presidents, a mentor to many of today's prominent politicians, and a beloved friend to all who had the pleasure of working with her. In 1987, recognizing her distinguished service, President Reagan awarded Anne with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

But as passionately as Anne Armstrong worked in politics, nothing could take priority over her family. After serving in national politics for roughly 20 years, Anne returned home to her ranch and her family in Kenedy County.

Even after such a remarkable career in politics, Anne Armstrong could not resist the call to serve her community. When she passed away on Wednesday, Anne Armstrong was still serving as the county commissioner. At the age of