the Democratic policy committee be granted the privilege of the floor during today's session of the Senate.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Patrick Hartley and Jacob Butcher of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's session.

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

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator DODD, I ask unanimous

consent that a member of his staff, Deborah Katz, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of today's session.

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

FOREIGN TRAVEL FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following reports for standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2009

		Per	diem	Transp	oortation	Miscel	laneous	To	tal
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Senator Frank Lautenberg: Israel	Shekel		192.00						192.00
Turkey	Lira		250.00		7,000,54				250.00
United States					7,090.54				7,909.5
Israel Turkey			180.00 242.00						180.00 242.00
United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye:	Dollar				8,328.47				8,328.4
France	Euro		4,912.00						4,912.00
Elizabeth L. Schmid: France	Euro		4,912.00						4,912.00
Gary Reese: France	Euro		4,912.00						4,912.00
Senator Thad Cochran: France	Euro		4,912.00						4,912.00
Senator Byron Dorgan: France	_		2,112.00						2,112.00
Bruce_Evans:			,						,
France Kay Webber:			4,912.00						4,912.00
France Maria Rosario Gutierrez:			4,912.00						4,912.00
France Switzerland			1,018.00 275.27						1,018.00 275.27
United States Senator Tom Harkin:					4,081.32				4,081.32
France			4,912.00						4,912.00
Switzerland Senator Richard C. Shelby:	Euro		275.27						275.27
FranceAnne Coleman Caldwell:	Euro		4,912.00						4,912.00
FranceDavid Schiappa:	Euro		4,912.00						4,912.00
France	Euro		4,912.00						4,912.00
Brian P. Monahan: France	Euro		4,912.00						4,912.00
Stewart H. Holmes: France	Euro		3,894.00						3,894.00
United States* *Delegation Expenses:					4,150.72				4,150.72
France Senator Judd Gregg:	Dollar						5.00		5.00
Spain	Euro		585.00						585.00
Senator Patrick Leahy: Pakistan	Rupee		152.00						152.00
AfghanistanFrance									28.00 334.00
Daniel Ginsberg: Pakistan			152.00						152.00
Afghanistan	Afghani		28.00						28.00
Francelohn Tracy:			334.00						334.00
Pakistan Afghanistan			152.00 28.00						152.00 28.00
France* *Delegation Expenses:			334.00						334.00
Īraq							93.00		93.00
Pakistan France							142.00 44.00		142.00 44.00
Allen Cutler: United Arab Emirates	Dirham		572.00						572.00
United Stateslonathan Kamarck:	Dollar				8,096.87				8,096.87
Egypt			1,600.00		6,643.39				1,600.00
United States Ellen Beares:					0,043.33				6,643.39
Egypt United States			1,600.00						1,600.00 6,643.39
Arthur Egerton Cameron, Jr.: France			600.00						600.00
United States Howard Sutton:					7,823.73				7,823.73
France			778.00						778.00
United States Ellen Maldonado:					7,823.73				7,823.73
South Korea			480.00 1,737.00						480.00 1,737.00
Japan United States	Dollar		40.00		8,854.00				40.00
UIIILUU ULAITU		······			0,004.00				8,854.00

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements by the Department of State under the authority of Section 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of Pub. L. 95–384, and expenses paid pursuant to S. Res. 179, agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR DANIEL INOUYE, Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, July 27, 2009.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b). COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2009

		Per	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscel	laneous	Tot	tal
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. doll equivale or U.S currence
ator Lindsey Graham: China	Dollar		254.00						254
Vietnam	Dollar		134.00						134
Japan mas W. Weinberg:			132.00				35.00		167
Spainator John McCain:	Dollar		280.00						280
Hong Kong			64.00				42.00		106
Vietnam China			64.00 57.00						64 57
Japanhard Fontaine:			562.00						562
Hong Kong	Dollar		388.00						388
Vietnam Japan	Dollar Dollar		200.00 388.00						200 388
China	Dollar		146.00						146
oke F. Buchanan: Hong Kong			388.00						388
Vietnam			200.00 146.00						200 146
China			388.00						388
ator Susan M. Collins:	Ruble		151.00						151
Russia Poland	Zloty		147.00						147
Czech Republicert Epplin:	Koruna		372.00						37
Russia			151.00						15
Poland	Zloty		147.00 372.00						14 37
ator Jack Reed:			372.00		***************************************			•••••	
Kuwait Afghanistan	= -:-						75.00 38.00		7
United States					8,992.75				8,99
abeth King: Kuwait	Dollar						80.00		8
Pakistan	Dollar						5.00		
Afghanistan					8,992.75		29.00		8,9
ator Mel Martinez:					0,002.70			••••••	,
Spaina Bauld:	Dollar		310.00						31
Vietnam			114.00						11
China			193.00 153.00		40.00		40.00 70.00		27 22
nael J. Noblet:			100.00				70.00	••••••	
United States Burkina Faso			177.00		17,788.00		336.00		17,78 51
Yemen			222.00				401.00		62
a W. White: United States	Dollar				13,746.00				13,74
Burkina Faso	Dollar		582.00						58
Yemenael J. Kuiken:	Dollar		569.00						56
United States			583.00		13,815.00				13,81 58
Yemen			598.00						5
ıtor James M. Inhofe: Germany	Euro		62.00						
Qatar			237.00						2
EthiopiaRwanda			56.00 88.00						
Ghana			34.00						
ony Lazarski: Germany	Euro		62.00						
Qatar			206.00						2
EthiopiaRwanda	Birr		45.00 82.00						
Ghana			54.00						
CPowers:	Euro		62.00						
Qatar	Riyal		228.00						2
EthiopiaRwanda			45.00 88.00						
Ghana			34.00						
ıtor Jeff Sessions: Israel	New Shekel		684.84						6
Afghanistan Pakistan			10.00 662.14						6
Turkey			326.18						3
ra E. Luff: Israel	New Shekel		897.15						8
Afghanistan	Afghani		43.00						
Pakistan			66.43 321.18						3
tor Lindsey Graham:									
France Morocco			147.35 72.55				40.05		1
Algeria	Dollar		120.39						1:
Greeceator John Thune:	Dollar		101.71						1
France			355.00						3
Morocco Algeria			272.00 148.00						21
Greece			564.00						5
Nelson:	F		055.00						3
France	Euro		355.00						

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2009—Continued

		Per	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscel	aneous	Tot	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dolla equivalen or U.S. currency
Greece	Euro		564.00						564.0
enator Mark Begich:	Deller		110.00						110.0
United Arab EmiratesAfghanistan			16.00						16.0
ana W. White:			10.00			•••••			10.0
United States	Dollar				8.072.00				8.072.0
France			1.064.00		-,-				1.064.
chard W. Fieldhouse:	Luiv		1,004.00						1,004.
United States	Dollar				8.236.00				8.236.
Russia			695.87		0,200.00				695.
Poland			173.42						173.
Czech Republic			761.84						761.
enator Mark Udall:	Noruna		701.04						701.
United Arab Emirates	Dollar		103.00						103.
Afghanistan			16.00						16.
nnifer Barrett:	Dollar		10.00						10.
United Arab Emirates	Dollar		103.00				5.00		108.
Afghanistan			16.00						16.
							18.00		18
Pakistanchard D. DeBobes:	Dollar						10.00		10.
	Dublo		302.00				95.00		397.
Russia	Ruble		147.00				89.00		236.0
Poland			372.00				90.00		462.
Czech Republic	Koruna				8.236.00				
United Statesenator Carl Levin:	Dollar				6,230.00				8,236.
	Deller				8,236.00				8.236.
United States	Dollar		202.00				100.00		501.
Russia			302.00				199.00		
Poland	Zloty		147.00				35.00		182
Czech Republic	Koruna		372.00				110.00		482
chard H. Fontaine:	D-II		1 247 00						1 247
Singapore	Dollar		1,347.00						1,347.
enator Kay R. Hagan:	D. II		100.00						100
United Arab Emirates			103.00						103.
Afghanistan			16.00						16.
Pakistan	Dollar						6.00		6.
hn M. Harney:	D. II		100.00						100
United Arab Emirates			103.00						103.
Afghanistan	Dollar		16.00						16.
enator E. Benjamin Nelson:	m								
Poland	Zloty		413.48						413.
United States	Dollar				8,682.58				8,682.
nn Premer:									
Poland	Zloty		467.23						467.
United States	Dollar				8,682.58				8,682.
nator James M. Inhofe:									
France	Euro		545.00		60.00		50.00		655.
Total			23.857.76		113.579.66		1.883.38		139.320.

SENATOR CARL LEVIN, Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, July 8, 2009.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2009

		Per (diem	Transp	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tota	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Senator Mark Warner:									
Pakistan	Dollar		152.00						152.00
Afghanistan	Dollar		28.00						28.00
France	Euro		167.00		470.40				637.40
United States	Dollar				4.501.90				4.501.90
Mark Brunner:									,
Pakistan	Dollar		152.00						152.00
Afghanistan	Dollar		28.00						28.00
France	Euro		334.00						334.00
Total			861.00		4,972.30				5,833.30

SENATOR KENT CONRAD, Chairman, Committee on the Budget, July 21, 2009.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2009

		Per	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tota	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Amber Cottle:									
China	Yuan		254.53						254.53
Hong Kong	Dollar		691.96						691.96
United States	Dollar				11,277.43				11,277.43
Ayesha Khanna:	**		450.70						450.70
China	Yuan		156.70						156.70
Hong Kong	Dollar		713.71						713.71
United States	Dollar				11,277.43				11,277.43
Hun Quach:	V		150.25						150 25
Hong Kong	Yuan		877.54						156.35 877.54
United States	Dollar		0//.34		11.277.43				11.277.43
Christopher Campbell:	Dullai				11,277.43				11,277.43
China	Yuan		176.65						176.65
Hong Kong	Dollar		807.92						807.92

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		Per o	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tota	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
United States					11,277.43				11,277.43
China Hong Kong United States	. Dollar		171.32 723.37		11,277.43				171.32 723.37 11,277.43
Greta Lundeberg: China Hong Kong United States	. Dollar		225.53 908.28		11,277.43				225.53 908.28 11,277.43
Michelle Miranda: China Hong Kong United States	. Dollar		151.29 783.66		11,277.43				151.29 783.66 11,277.43
Jeffrey Phan: China Hong Kong United States	Yuan Dollar		248.33 696.66		11,277.43				248.33 696.66 11,277.43
Brian Rice China Hong Kong United States	Dollar		242.35 844.08		11,781.43				242.35 844.08 11,781.43
Ted Serafini: China Hong Kong United States	Dollar		163.51 877.93		11,781.43				163.51 877.93 11,781.43
Amit Kalra: China Hong Kong United States	. Dollar		245.78 338.88		11,781.43				245.78 338.88 11,781.43
Delegation Expenses: Hong Kong					50.41				50.41
Total			10,456.33		125,614.14				136,070.47

SENATOR MAX BAUCUS, Chairman, Committee on Finance, July 31, 2009.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2009

		Per o	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tota	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Amber Cottle:									
Mexico	Peso		285.52						285.52
Trinidad & Tobago	Dollar		2,071.62						2,071.62
United States	Dollar				1,966.27				1,966.27
Janis Lazda:									
Trinidad	Dollar		3,623.78						3,623.78
United States	Dollar				1,440.55				1,440.55
Heather O'Loughlin:									114 47
Mexico			114.47		590.92				114.47 590.92
United States	Dollar				330.32				330.32
	Pasa		181 26						181.26
Mexico Trinidad & Tobago	Peso Dollar		2,071.62						2,071.62
United States	Dollar		2,071.02		1.996.27				1,996.27
Delegation Expenses:	20101				1,000.27				1,000.27
o							2.380.98		2,380.98
David Ross:							,		,
Switzerland	Franc		992.02						992.02
Belgium	Euro		1,068.00						1,068.00
United States	Dollar				2,575.27				2,575.27
Total			10,408.29		8,569.28		2,380.98		21,358.55

SENATOR MAX BAUCUS, Chairman, Committee on Finance, July 31, 2009.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384-22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1 TO DEC. 31, 2008

		Per	liem	Transp	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tot	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Senator Max Baucus:									
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		174.80						174.80
Vietnam	Dong		899.30						899.30
United States	Dollar				13,143.47				13,143.47
Melodee Hanes:	D' I		007.45						007.45
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		207.45						207.45
Vietnam	Dong		768.42		10 140 47				768.42
United States	Dollar				13,143.47				13,143.47
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		151 64						151.64
Vietnam	Dirham Dong		754.79						754.79
United States	Dollar		734.73		13.143.47				13,143.47
Demetrios Marantis:	Dollar				10,140.47				10,140.47
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		238.49						238.49
Vietnam	Dong		811.66						811.66
United States	Dollar				11,986.47				11,986.47
Jon Selib:									
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		232.23						232.23
Vietnam	Dong		744.04						744.04

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		Per	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscel	laneous	Tot	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
United States	Dollar				11,986.47				11,986.47
lanis Lazda:									
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		450.61						450.61
Vietnam	Dong		850.43						850.43
United States	Dollar				11,986.47				11,986,47
Chelsea Thomas:	D' I		047.01						047.0
United Arab Emirates			247.21						247.21
Vietnam	Dong		1,001.30		11.000.47				1,001.30
United States	Dollar				11,986.47				11,986.47
Carol Guthrie:	Disk		001.00						231.96
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		231.96 809.04						809.04
Vietnam					11.986.47				
United States Demetrios Marantis:	Dollar				11,986.47				11,986.47
Obline	Vuen		208.11						200 1
					11.910.49				208.11 11.910.49
United States	Dollar				11,910.49				11,910.45
lanis Lazda: China	Vuon		407.66						407.66
			407.00		11.910.49				11.910.49
United States	Dollar				11,510.45				11,510.4
Olding	Vuon		345.96						345.90
Hong Kong			1.249.56						1.249.50
			877.47						877.4
Singapore Malaysia	Dinagit		14.00						14.0
United States	Ringgit				10.236.33				10.236.3
Chris Adamo:	Dollar				10,230.33				10,230.3
Poland	Zloty		706.00						706.00
United States	Dollar				2.886.11				2.886.1
loEllen Darcy:	Dollar				2,000.11				2,000.1
Poland	<u>Z</u> loty		342.00						342.00
United States	Dollar		342.00		2.952.59				2.952.59
Paul Wilkins:					2,302.03				2,002.00
Poland	Zloty		192.84						192.8
United States	Dollar		132.04		3,443.82				3.443.82
					-,				-,
Total			24.903.44		130.716.12				155.619.5

SENATOR MAX BAUCUS, Chairman, Committee on Finance, July 31, 2009.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2009

		Per	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscel	laneous	To	tal
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. doll equivale or U.S. currenc
nator Robert Casey, Jr.:	Shekel		402.00						402
Israel Turkev			380.00						380
United States			300.00		7,633.47				7.633
nator Bob Corker:					7,033.47				7,033
Italy	Euro		259.00						259
Sudan			354.00						354
Kenya	Shilling		386.00						386
Tanzania			161.00						161
Rwanda	Franc		145.00						145
United States	Dollar				6,689.63				6.689
nator Jim DeMint:					-,				-,
Belgium	Euro		429.00						429
United States					3,434.87				3,43
ator Johnny Isakson:					.,				.,
Sudan	Pound		125.00						125
Kenya			125.00						125
Tanzania			125.00						12
Rwanda	Franc		125.00						12
United States					7,218.63				7,21
ator Ted Kaufman:									
Kuwait	Dinar		75.00						7.
Afghanistan	Dollar		13.00						1
United States					11,010.03				11,01
Israel			146.03						14
Syria	Pound		24.58						2
Turkey			32.02						3
United States	Dollar				8,984.66				8,98
ator John Kerry:									
Pakistan			170.00						17
Sudan			210.03						21
United Arab Emirates			94.55						9.
United States					4,062.77				4,06
Jordan			146.23						14
Italy			259.00						25
United States					11,338.77				11,33
China			831.00						83
United States	Dollar				13,399.85				13,39
ator Richard Lugar:			450.00						
Russia	Ruble		153.00						15
ator James Risch:	D 1		000.00						
Egypt			809.00						80
Israel			480.00						48
Jordan			1,108.00						1,10
United Arab Emirates			1,105.00						1,10
Italy	Euro		1,920.00						1,92
ator Jeanne Shaheen:	Disk		105.00						10
United Arab Emirates			105.00						10
Afghanistan Pakistan	Dollar		10.00						1 2
	Rupee		22.00						2
h Blank:	Deller		2 (20 00						2.00
Indonesia			2,639.00		12 055 00				2,63 13.05
United States	Dollar				13,055.08				13,05
lie Bressler:	Deller		1 200 00						1.00
Zimbabwe	Dollar		1,206.00						1,20

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		Per	diem	Transp	portation	Miscel	laneous	To	tal
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dolli equivaler or U.S. currency
South Africa			611.00		10,372.55				611. 10,372.
Afghanistan	Dollar		34.00						34.
United Arab Emirates			191.00		8,179.12				191. 8,179.
Bruder: Bosnia and Herzegov			168.00						168.
Serbia Kosovo	<u>D</u> inar		75.00 144.00						75. 144.
United States	Dollar				8,520.94				8,520
Crebo-Rediker: Ukraine	Hryvnia		1,164.94						1,164
United Stateson Ernst:	Dollar				7,690.61				7,690
Sudan			117.50 117.70						117 117
Kenya Tanzania	Shilling		117.50						117
Rwanda			117.50		6,689.91				117 6,689
n Feldstein:			261.00		-,				261
GhanaNiger	Dollar		340.00						340
United Stateseen Frangione:	Dollar				13,018.87				13,018
Germany	Euro		2,885.97						2,885
United States			461.00		7,830.38				7,830 46
United Statesas Frantz:					12,797.52				12,79
United Kingdom	Pound		567.12						56
United States			2,084.38		7,200.00				7,20 2,08
Afghanistan	Dollar		24.00						2
United States	Dollar				8,149.12				8,14
Bosnia and Herzegov			256.00 64.00						25 6
Serbia	Euro		197.00						19
United States	Dollar				8,520.94				8,52
Germany			2,028.77						2,02
United States	Dollar Euro		1,099.00		9,122.44				9,12 1,09
United States	Dollar				7,584.00				7,58
Jannuzi: Russia			1,263.00						1,26
China			1,098.00 400.00						1,09 40
lapan	Yen		458.00						45
United States			1,001.00		11,405.88				11,40 1,00
Singapore	Dollar		948.00						94 11,49
United Statesoseph:					11,432.03				,
Israel Turkey			402.00 380.00						40 38
United States	Dollar				7,674.47				7,67
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		2,038.94						2,03
AfghanistanUnited States	Dollar		24.00		8,179.12				8,17
Kreikemeier:					0,173.12				,
CyprusUnited States			902.00		9,208.51				90 9,20
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		70.00 10.00						7
Pakistan			23.00						2
Lerner: Iceland	Krona		626.00						62
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		203.00						20
AfghanistanUnited States			100.00		10,606.39				10 10,60
Lopes: Cyprus			1,105.00						1.10
Jnited States			1,100.00		9,802.53				9,80
Lowenstein: Pakistan	Rupee		218.73						21
Sudan	Dollar		220.00						22
Jnited Arab Emirates			47.27		7 000 00				7,82
lordantaly	<u>D</u> inar		346.06 204.50						34 20
United States	Dollar		204.30		9.705.71				9,70
Meacham: Uruguay	New Peso		868.00						86
Chile	Peso		1,914.00						1,91 7,82
United Statesth Myers, Jr.:					7,024.70				
Croatia Russia			385.00 153.00						38 15
United States	Dollar								9,07
th Myers III: Croatia	Kuna		385.00						38
Russia	Ruble		153.00						15
United Statesie Nakagawa:					9,076.04				9,07
Switzerland			992.00 1,062.00						99 1,06
Belgium United States	Dollar		1,002.00						2,57
e Oliver: Italy			259.00						25
Sudan	Dinar		354.00						35
Kenya			386.00 161.00						38 16
	Franc		145.00						14

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		Per	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscel	laneous	Tot	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
United States	Dollar				6,719.91				6,719.9
Michael Phelan:	_								
Pakistan			681.27						681.2
United States	Dollar				9,522.34				9.522.3
Vilmini Rubin:									
Senegal			1,099.00						1,099.0
United States	Dollar				9,666.80				9.666.8
Shannon Smith:									
Zimbabwe			1,151.00						1,151.0
South Africa	Rand		470.00						470.0
United States					9,224.95				9,224.9
Sudan	Dollar		110.00						110.0
Chris Socha:									
Belgium	Euro		429.00						429.0
Cyprus	Euro		1,158.00						1,158.0
United States	Dollar				6,538.93				6,538.9
Halie Soifer:									
Kuwait	Dollar		104.00						104.0
Pakistan			30.00						30.0
United States	Dollar				9,022.74				9,022.7
Israel	Shekel		275.00						275.0
Syria	Pound		30.00						30.0
Turkey	Lira		47.02						47.0
United States	Dollar				8,176.88				8,176.8
atema Sumar:									
Turkey	Lira		600.00						600.0
Pakistan	Rupee		236.00						236.0
United States	Dollar				9,980.98				9.980.9
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		461.00						461.0
Afghanistan			89.00						89.0
United States	Dollar				8,179.12				8,179.1
.aura Winthrop:									
Ghana	Cedi		180.00						180.0
Niger	B II		317.00						317.0
United States	Dollar				12,195.87				12.195.8
					-				
Total			54,473.41		406,181.99				460,655.4

SENATOR JOHN F. KERRY, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, July 29, 2009.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS—AMENDED REPORT—FOURTH QUARTER 2008 FOR TRAVEL FROM SEPT. 1 TO DEC. 31, 2008

		Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Tota	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Jonah Blank:									
India	Rupiah		302.00						302.00
Afghanistan	Dollar		100.00						100.00
Kuwait	Dinar		197.00						197.00
United States	Dollar				8,951.95				8,951.95
Total			599.00		8,951.95				9,550.95

SENATOR JOHN KERRY,

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384-22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2009

		Per (liem	Transpo	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Total	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Senator Tom Coburn:									
United States	Dollar				11,159.80				11,159.80
Lebanon	Pound		232.00						232.00
Syria	Pound		148.00						148.00
Israel	Shekel		176.00						176.00
Romania	Leu		336.00						336.0
Senator Thomas Carper:									
United States	Dollar				8,129.11				8,129.1
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		80.00						80.00
Afghanistan	Afghani		69.00						69.0
Pakistan	Rupee		100.00						100.0
Wendy Anderson:									
United States	Dollar				8,129.11				8,129.1
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		80.00						80.0
Afghanistan	Afghani		69.00						69.0
Pakistan	Rupee		100.00						100.00
Benjamin Billings:									
United States	Dollar				1,597.62				1,597.6
Netherlands	Euro		342.00						342.0
Total			1.732.00		29,015.64				30.747.6

SENATOR JOSEPH LIEBERMAN,

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384-22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2009

		Per d	liem	Transp	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tota	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Senator Amy Klobuchar:									
Hong Kong	Dollar		75.00						75.00
Vietnam	Dong		82.00						82.00
China	Renminbi		57.00						57.00
Japan	Yen		205.00						205.00
Thomas Sullivan:									
Hong Kong	Dollar		307.00						307.00
Vietnam	Dong		269.00						269.00
China	Renminbi		135.00						135.00
Japan	Yen		362.00						362.00
Senator Jon Kyl:									
Israel	Shekel		47.80						47.80
Afghanistan	Dollar		23.58						23.58
Pakistan	Rupee		156.00						156.00
Turkey	Lira		215.47						215.47
Timothy Morrison:									
Israel	Shekel		179.92						179.92
Afghanistan	Dollar		33.58						33.58
Pakistan	Rupee		10.00						10.00
Turkey	Lira		265.47						265.47
Total			2,423.82						2,423.82

SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY, Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, July 31, 2009.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384-22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2009

		Per o	diem	Transpo	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tota	ıl
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Senator Mike Enzi:									
Germany	Euro		62.00						62.00
Qatar	Riyals		34.00						34.00
Ethiopia	Birr		34.00						34.00
Rwanda	Franc		88.00						88.00
Ghana	Cedi		34.00						34.00
Senator Barbara Mikulski:									
United Kingdom	Pound		1,849.00						1,849.00
United States	Dollar				8,356.56				8,356.56
Julia Frifield:									
United Kingdom			1,849.00						1,849.00
United States	Dollar				8,356.56				8,356.56
Total			3,950.00		16,713.12				20,663.12

SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY, Chairman, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, July 29, 2009.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384-22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2009

		Per	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tota	.al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Allen Stayman:									
United States	Dollar				1,846.70				1,846.7
Marshall Islands	Dollar		488.51						488.5
saac Edwards:									
United States	Dollar				1,846.70				1,846.7
Marshall Islands	Dollar		449.04						449.0
Senator Jeff Bingaman:									
United States	Dollar				9,896.47				9,896.4
Belgium	Euro		1,800.00						1,800.00
Germany	Euro		705.25						705.2
Robert Simon:	D. II				0.400.50				0.400 5
United States	Dollar		1 110 10		6,492.52				6,492.5
Belgium	Euro		1,118.10						1,118.1
Germany	Euro		397.90						397.9
Ionathan Black:	Deller				9,274,24				9,274.2
United Staes	Dollar Euro		1.157.00		- /				1,157.0
Belgium			730.00						730.0
Germany Derek Dom:	Euro		730.00						730.0
United States	Dollar				8.980.24				8.980.2
Belgium	Euro		1,117.00		0,300.24				1,117.0
Germany			733.75						773.7
Total			8.696.55		38,336.87				47,033.4

SENATOR JEFF BINGAMAN,

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2009

		Per	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tot	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Senator Mary Landrieu:									
United States	Dollar				10,334.62				10,334.62
The Netherlands	Euros		212.22						212.22
Tanner Johnson:									
United States	Dollar				1,087.62				1,087.62
The Netherlands	Euros		250.65						250.65
Stephanie Allen:									
United States	Dollar				1,178.62				1,178.62
The Netherlands	Euros		178.16						178.16
Jane Campbell:									
United States	Dollar				1,028.50				1,028.50
The Netherlands	Euros		297.25						297.25
Jeanne-Marie Ganucheau:									
United States	Dollar				1,679.62				1,679.62
The Netherlands	Euros		667.92						667.92
T. Bradley Keith:									
United States	Dollar				1,609.62				1,609.62
The Netherlands	Euros		895.00						895.00
Total			2,501.20		16.918.60				19.419.80

SENATOR MARY LANDRIEU,

Chairman, Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, July 2, 2009.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2009

		Per o	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tot	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Kim Lipsky:									
	Pesos		913.72						913.72
United States	Dollar				3,578.46				3,578.46
Dahlia Melendrez:									
Philippines			913.72						913.72
	Dollar				3,578.46				3,578.46
Senator Mike Johanns:									
Cuba	Dollar		33.00						33.00
Terry Van Dorn:	D. II		00.00						00.00
Cuba	Dollar		33.00						33.00
Total:			1 893 ///		7.156.92				9.050.36

SENATOR DANIEL AKAKA,

Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States Senate, July 29, 2009.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2009

		Per	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tota	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. Dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Senator Bill Nelson			482.00						482.00
	Dollar				1,444.83				1,444.83
Caroline Tess			482.00						482.00
	Dollar				1,444.83				1,444.83
Greta Lundeberg			439.00						439.00
	Dollar		1.007.10		1,826.31				1,826.31
Louis Tucker			1,927.18		16.918.98				1,927.18
David Vares	Dollar		1.927.18		.,				16,918.98 1,927.18
David Koger	Dollar		,		16.918.98				16,918.98
John Maguire			600.00		.,				600.00
Juili Maguile	Dollar				864.42				864.42
Richard Girven			570.00		004.42				570.00
Mondra directi	Dollar				864.42				864.42
Eric Chapman	Donar		865.00						865.00
2.10 Ond prior	Dollar				1.023.42				1,023.42
Clete Johnson			590.00						590.00
	Dollar				1,415.91				1,415.91
Caroline Tess			821.00						821.00
	Dollar				8,236.00				8,236.00
Senator Bill Nelson			635.00						635.00
	Dollar				8,900.33				8,900.33
Senator Richard Burr			1,339.00						1,339.00
							3,236.00		3,236.00
Senator Saxby Chambliss			1,339.00						1,339.00
Teresa Ervin			1,339.00						1,339.00
James Smythers			1,339.00						1,339.00
Jennifer Wagner		·	1,339.00						1,339.00
Total			16,033.36		59,858.43		3,236.00		79,127.79

SENATOR DIANE FEINSTEIN,

Chairman, Committee on Intelligence, July 24, 2009.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 20, 2009

		Per o	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tot	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Eric Thu: United States	Dollar		1,476.00		8,758.51				8,758.51 1,476.00
Infilias hassemblember: United States Germany Allyne Todd Johnston:	Dollar		656.00		7,698.22				7,698.22 656.00
United States Germany John Stoody:	Dollar Euro		490.00		7,698.22				7,698.22 490.00
United States	Dollar Euro		656.00		7,698.22				7,698.22 656.00
United States Wetherlands Bettina Poirier:	Dollar Euro		649.00		7,692.25				7,692.25 649.00
United States Netherlands	Dollar Euro		500.00		7,663.62				7,663.62 500.00
Total			4,427.00		47,209.04				51,636.04

SENATOR BARBARA BOXER, Chairman, Committee on Environment & Public Works, July 30, 2009.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2009

		Per o	liem	Transpo	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tota	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Drest Deychakiwsky:									
Moldova	Leu		1,025.00						1,025.00
United States	Dollar				7,802.94				7,802.94
(yle Parker:									
Moldova	Leu		1,025.00						1,025.00
United States	Dollar				7,802.94				7,802.94
Russia	Ruble		1,224.00						1,224.00
United States	Dollar				7,378.05				7,378.05
anice Helwig:									
Tajikistan	Somoni		3,168.21						3,168.21
Krygyzstan	Som		1,651.00						1,651.00
United States	Dollar				8,538.65				8,538.65
Shelly Han:									
Tajikistan	Somoni		3,168.21						3,168.21
Kyrgyzstan	Som		1,651.00						1,651.00
United States	Dollar				8,538.65				8,538.65
Japan	Yen		1,319.91						1,319.91
United States	Dollar				11,174.81				11,174,81
Ninsome Packer:					,				,
Ukraine	Hryvnia		1.701.00		2.438.00				4.139.00
Austria	Euro		31.114.00		_,				31,114,00
Alex Johnson:			,						,,,
Greece	Euro		2.064.00						2,064.00
United States	Dollar		2,001.00		7.788.81				7,788.81
					.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,				.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Total:			49.111.33		61.462.85				110.574.1

SENATOR BENJAMIN CARDIN, Chairman, Committee on Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, July 28, 2009.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON CODEL McCONNELL FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 4 TO APR. 15, 2009

		Per (diem	Transp	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tot	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Senator Mitch McConnell:									
Egypt	Pound		809.00						809.00
Israel	Obstal		480.00						480.00
Jordan			1,108,00						1.108.00
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		1,105.00						1.105.00
Italy			1.920.00						1,920.00
Senator Saxby Chambliss:			1,020.00						1,020.00
Egypt	Pound		809.00						809.00
Israel			480.00						480.00
landan	Dinas		1,108,00						1,108.00
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		1.105.00						1.105.00
Italy	Euro		1,920.00						1,920.00
Senator John Barrasso:	Luiv		1,320.00						1,320.00
	Pound		809.00						809.00
Egypt	Ob-t-I		480.00						480.00
Israel									
Jordan			1,108,00						1,108.00
United Arab Emirates			1,105.00						1,105.00
Italy	Euro		1,920.00						1,920.00
Senator James Risch:									
Egypt			809.00						809.00
Israel			480.00						480.00
Jordan	Dinar		1,108,00						1,108.00
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		1,105.00						1,105.00
Italy	Euro		1,920.00						1,920.00
Admiral Brian Monahan:									
Egypt	Pound		809.00						809.00
Israel	Chalcal		480.00						480.00

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON CODEL McCONNELL FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 4 TO APR. 15, 2009—Continued

		Per o	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tot	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dolla equivaler or U.S. currency
Jordan	Dinar		1,108,00						1,108.
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		1,105.00						1,105.
Italy	Euro		1,740.00						1,740.
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Egypt	Pound		809.00						809.
Israel	Shekel		480.00						480.
Jordan	Dinar		1,108,00						1,108.
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		1,105.00						1,105
Italy	Euro		913.00						913
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Egypt	Pound		809.00						809
Israel	Shekel		480.00						480
Jordan	Dinar		1,108,00						1,108
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		1,105.00						1,105
	Euro		1,510.00						1,510
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Egypt	Pound		809.00						809
Israel	Shekel		480.00						480
Jordan	Dinar		1,108,00						1,108
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		1,105.00						1,105
Italy	Euro		1,520.00						1,520
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Egypt	Pound		809.00						809
Israel	Shekel		480.00						480
Jordan	Dinar		1,108,00						1,108
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		1,105.00						1,10
Italy	Euro		1,494.00						1,494
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Egypt	Pound		809.00						80
Israel	Shekel		480.00						48
Jordan	Dinar		1,108,00						1,10
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		1,105.00						1,10
Italy	Euro		1,635.00						1,635
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Egypt	Pound						6,413.28		6,413
Israel	Shekel						4,539.54		4,539
Jordan	Dinar						7,797.48		7,797
United Arab Emirates	Dirham						3,867.24		3,867
Afghanistan	Dollar						530.83		530
Italy	Euro						6,674.02		6,674
Total:			51.512.00				29.822.39		81.334

*Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State, and the Department of Defense under the authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Sec. 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR MITCH McCONNELL, Chairman, Republican Leader, June 15, 2009.

VETERANS HEALTH CARE BUDGET REFORM AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2009

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 101, S. 423.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (S. 423) to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I am very gratified that the Senate is acting on S. 423, the proposed Veterans Health Care Budget and Transparency Act of 2009. This bill would authorize, beginning in fiscal year 2011, advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two fiscal year budget authority.

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a hearing on pending health care legislation on April 22, 2009, during which the Committee received testimony on S. 423. Support for this bill was voiced by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Disabled American Veterans, American Federation of Govern-

ment Employees, and Paralyzed Veterans of America. The Committee ordered the bill reported on May 21, 2009. The Committee report—S. Rpt, 111–041—was filed on July 8, 2009.

In 19 of the past 22 fiscal years, final VA appropriations have been enacted late and requests for supplemental appropriations for VA health care have increased in frequency during recent years. Over the past 7 years, final VA appropriations were late approximately 3 months on average. While there has been some impact on the timeliness and overall quality of VA care from these financial and management difficulties in the past, there is a serious concern that continued funding problems could significantly weaken the quality of veterans' health care. Providing sufficient, timely and predictable funding to the VA health care system would mitigate these dangers and allow VA administrators and directors to more efficiently and effectively provide medical care to veterans.

Advanced funding would allow the VA to function more effectively, to better align with funding cycles, and to avoid annual partisan political maneuvering. Through appropriating funds in advance to the medical services, medical support and compliance, and medical facilities accounts, we can avoid any disruption to the provision of adequate and timely health care to those

who have sacrificed a great deal for this nation.

I understand that authorizing advanced appropriations is a serious endeavor and as such have made sure this legislation also enhances oversight of the VA health care budget process. The Comptroller General of the United States will be required to conduct a study of adequacy and accuracy of the budget projections made by VA's Enrollee Health Care Projection Model and any other model or methodology used to measure health care expenditures. The study would cover the five fiscal years included in each budget submission; however, the focus is intended to be upon the fiscal year for which the advance appropriation would be made. These reports would be submitted to the appropriate committees of Congress no later than the date on which the President submits the budget request for the following fiscal year.

This bill has received support from a myriad of organizations including The Partnership for Veterans Health Care Budget Reform, The Independent Budget Veterans Service Organizations, The Military Coalition, and the American Federation for Government Employees. I thank them for their efforts and ongoing commitment to this legislation.

I thank the many Senators who have cosponsored this legislation, including Committee members Senators BURR, ROCKEFELLER, MURRAY, SANDERS,