

be taking money from the first responders. Let me go through that. There was \$3.1 billion for our first responders, for homeland security needs. We had \$1 billion for our farmers and ranchers for farm conservation programs. The gulf coast recovery fund was estimated to have \$5 billion in bonus bids and \$40 billion in royalties over the total production years of ANWR. It would have committed 50 percent to Louisiana, 25 percent to Mississippi, 10 percent to Alabama, 10 percent to Texas, and 5 percent to Florida.

When we remove that, we do remove the \$2 billion emergency spending for LIHEAP, and we remove the \$3.1 billion for border security. That is money that was there. It was not funny money. It was money for this year.

So when you go back to New York, will you tell them why? That first responder money was \$1,750,000,000 for the cities of New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami, Boston, Washington, DC, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Houston. I showed before the list of all the people who supported that.

In terms of the preparedness grants for avian flu response, and for evacuation routes, refugee feeding and housing in the event of another disaster: \$1 billion. But above all, the \$1.1 billion in 2006 money for border security for the Northern border and the Southern border, we were overwhelmed with support for that. By voting for this, you will take it out. You are taking out C and D. You are taking out all the funding.

Now, what does that mean? It means that next year when we get the budget they will pick up the estimates we were able to make. The money for ANWR will next year be, I believe, estimated—I am sure it will; I have a letter—at \$10 billion. This year it was \$5 billion. That \$5 billion that was in the budget will not be available to Louisiana. It will not be available to the disaster area. The \$10 billion we estimated in addition to the \$10 billion that is already in the budget for spectrum auctions will take place in 2008 and 2009. Actually, the FCC believes it is going to be \$28 billion. We had used \$8 billion in addition to the \$10 billion that is in the budget. That, next year, will also be estimated, and it will be used by the budget. So that money is not going to be available for these things that Senator CANTWELL's resolution will deny.

Senator CANTWELL has authored this resolution to take out of the bill all of this money that we worked so hard to find a way to justify. We took future revenues coming into the Treasury, held them in the Treasury and earmarked them for specific purposes when they would arrive. We were told to have every reason to expect that money would come in. And the House agreed with us and allowed two separate emergency things to take place. One was \$1.1 billion for border security. The other was \$2 billion for LIHEAP for those who are in States that are af-

ected by the current formula. That is primarily the Midwestern States and Maine.

But I want the Senate to know the work we did in finding this money and finding a way to hold it in the Treasury, it will not be held any more. This amendment takes out of the bill sections C and D. That means next year you will not find money on this approach for the help for the disaster areas or to deal with LIHEAP or to deal with homeland security. And \$3 billion was earmarked in that fund when the money came in. It was to go to homeland security. We earmarked it. No future budget could use it.

By taking C and D out, by voting for it—all of you—I am going to go to every one of your States, and I am going to tell them what you have done. You have taken away from homeland security the one source of revenue that was new revenue. It was money that should have been used for disaster. It should have been used for homeland security. And I am sure that the Senator from Washington will enjoy my visits to Washington because I am going to visit there often.

This was wrong. We should have kept sections C and D in this bill. This was something that we studied. We went with CBO. We talked to everyone possible. Everyone understood it in the House, what we did. The Senate refused to even look at it. I think most of you voted for it without even looking at it. California has lost its money for disasters in the future from that revenue source. It will have to find some way through the budget to compete with everybody else next year in a declining budget year. Because as the interest on the national debt goes up, there is less money to allocate for existing programs. I predict next year will be the toughest budget year in history.

But we took money from 2008, 2009, 2010, and we earmarked it. One thing you did not notice, we put in borrowing authority. In the event there is a disaster, the Secretary could go to Treasury and say: Mr. Secretary of Treasury, I exercise the borrowing authority and get that money right now. Did you know that? I bet half of you—none of you—read the bill, none of you read the bill. But I am going to explain the bill to everyone in the country—the homeland security bill, the first responders, the interoperability part of it, the part of equipment for first responders.

The total amount of this bill has been destroyed by the Cantwell amendment. And I want to make sure everyone understands it. Emergency assistance for seniors and low-income Americans: That \$2 billion was at a different theory, different formula than the existing law. We made it available to those in great need this winter. By this amendment, by voting for it, you take it away. Go ahead and vote for it. I am going to vote against it because I know what I did. I found and spent a lot of time with those who handle budget matters and particularly the CBO. Ask

them. I will show you the letters. They said I was right, that was new revenue coming into the Federal Government. Everyone expects it, and we earmarked it for those things that we all believe in now.

Next year, are you going to give it to homeland security? Are you going to give it to border security? Are you going to give them \$2 billion for LIHEAP? By the way, it did not have to be spent this year. It could carry over. It is to be used when needed, by higher prices. OK? It was not something that was total spending this year.

I do think the hurricane areas are the ones that lost most. There is a \$14 billion estimate in C and D for the hurricane area: \$7 billion for Louisiana, \$3.5 billion for Mississippi, \$1.4 billion for Texas, \$1.4 billion for Alabama, and \$1.2 billion for Florida.

Mr. President, this Senator has tried to do what is right. In the last month or 2 months, I have been pilloried by almost every newspaper in this country because of what has been said on this floor and what has been said by Members on the other side of this body. I have been called a liar. I have been told that I violated the rules. I have been told I did things in the middle of the night when no one knew it. I have been told almost everything. Even my grandchildren asked my son: Is that right?

I ask the Senate: Is that right? Should I lose the reputation I have gotten for 37 years in the Senate? No one has ever questioned my integrity before this year. Well, we had one little thing—I see an action from the Chair—about an ethics matter in my State, but that, too, was misunderstood. And I am glad to see that—I hope that has been put to rest. But in any event, no one has really questioned my actions here on the floor.

But they have been. People I have known on the other side, on a first-name basis, have come to me and talked to me about their problems—each one of you. Many of you have spoken here and said things that are not true, and you know they are not true. As I said, one Senator said something so bad, I asked for an apology. I would not accept his apology now.

Mr. President, I am going to go home, and I am going to think about this, and I am going to try to figure out what to do next year. But I know one thing, the 3 months I spent on this to try and help the people in the disaster area, with the sincere belief in the—how many of you have been to the disaster area? Did you spend a couple of days down there, as I did? Did you go and look at it? Did you see the miles and miles of homes that are gone? Did you see a great big barge, bigger than this room, on top of a schoolhouse? Did you see miles and miles of levees just laid down? Did you see the devastation as that tsunami came up that channel that man dug from New Orleans to the gulf?