

not keeping taxing us." Our tax reform bill puts \$245 billion back into the hands of families for them to keep. None of this discussion yet has anything to do with Medicare. What we are basically saying is that young families who have an income of \$25,000 and they have a couple of children at home, their tax liability goes to zero.

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We are saying to families that have an income of \$30,000 a year, a couple of children at home their tax liability is cut by 50 percent. Now I am not sure when I am going to get to the rich, you stop me when I get to the rich, but I do not believe I have gotten to the rich yet.

The whole tax reform thing is giving people back their money from the tax increase from the 103rd Congress. This money that we are saving, particularly from Part B, is going back into a lockbox. It is going back into the Federal Treasury. That is where the money came from to start with. We are putting it back into the Treasury.

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, a very important point has to be made here. If we recall in the first 100 days of this Congress, the first three months-plus, we paid for those tax reductions. The way we did it is we reduced by \$180 billion over the next seven years the discretionary spending for all of the Federal bureaucracies. That was hard. We made the tough choices, and that is how we funded the tax reduction for the families and so forth.

Then, on top of that, we reduced the cost to the Federal Government of the welfare program in our welfare reform bill. Putting people back to work and making them less dependent, we saved another \$80 billion. We saved every penny which we planned to offer back to the American people in tax reductions.

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Let us suppose we did not have our tax cut for families with children. Would the Medicare plan be solvent then?

Mr. GREENWOOD. Absolutely not. The Medicare Part A, the hospitalization, the bigger piece of the pie, is already paid for by wages, a tax paid by employers and employees. Well, today we are in okay shape, because we are going to spend less money today, in October of 1995, than we are going to take in. But beginning next year, we start to spend more than that tax takes in. In seven years, we are out of money. So if we do nothing, even if we do not have the tax break, that does not solve the problem.

Mr. WELDON of Florida. You are saying if we did not give families with children, the most heavily taxed group over the past 40 years in this country, an issue that is contributing to the breakdown in the family in the United States, the heavy tax burden on those young families with kids, if we took that tax break away from them, the Medicare plan would still be insolvent and we would still have to have this

bill to try to protect and preserve Medicare?

Mr. GREENWOOD. That is absolutely correct. I think most of those young families want that tax reduction and need it.

This will be the final thing I will say tonight. There are some Americans out there who say "I am not taxed enough. You ought to tax me more, Congress." My answer to them is write a check, put it in an envelope, make it out to the United States Treasury, and send it in. If you do not feel you are paying enough, send some more in. A lot of families are struggling and need help.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. The tax you are referring to, the Medicare tax that currently is in existence, goes into a trust fund. It is a fund that is set aside to solely pay for Medicare benefits and nothing else. That is why there is no relationship between tax reform and Medicare, there is simply no relationship. That is trust money.

Mr. TIAHRT. If we can wrap this up this evening, I would like to say in plain English, we finally have a specific plan that will preserve and protect Medicare for our parents and our grandparents. It is a realistic plan, it is up front, there is no fine print. It allows the right to select alternative options, the right to stay with your current doctor, your current hospital. It attacks waste, fraud and abuse. There is real accountability for physicians. It is a long-term solution, and Medicare is guaranteed to survive. This is not just politics as usual. This is a real plan that is going to work.

I want to thank those who participated tonight, the gentleman from Florida, Mr. WELDON, the two gentlemen from Georgia, Mr. NORWOOD and Mr. CHAMBLISS, and also the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. GREENWOOD.

I think this has been very enlightening for the American public as we have come to a conclusion here, refuting all the arguments that you heard in the first hour. We have a good plan, and we are going forward with it. I thank the American public for the time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. EMERSON (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 12:30 p.m., on account of medical reasons.

Mr. BILIRAKIS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 1:30 p.m. and the balance of the week, on account of attending his son's wedding.

Mr. BALDACCI (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today before 4 p.m., on account of personal business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SKAGGS) to revise and ex-

tend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SKAGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SANDERS, for 5 minutes, today.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. MCINNIS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINNIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SKAGGS) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. MARKEY.

Mr. REED.

Mr. OLVER.

Mr. CLEMENT.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. BARCIA.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.

Mr. CONYERS.

Mr. LIPINSKI in two instances.

Mr. MFUME.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

Mr. NEAL.

Mr. POSHARD.

Ms. WOOLSEY.

Mr. DURBIN.

Mr. PALLONE.

Mr. LAFALCE.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MCINNIS) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. ROTH.

Mr. DUNCAN.

Mr. GILMAN in two instances.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania.

Mr. HYDE.

Mr. RAMSTAD.

Mr. EHRLICH.

Mr. MCKEON.

Mr. FIELDS of Texas.

Mr. GUNDERSON.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GREENWOOD) and to include extraneous matter:)

Miss COLLINS of Michigan.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. WARD.

Mr. SAXTON.

Mr. RIGGS.

Mr. BARCIA.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Friday, October 13, 1995, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from

the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1516. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting notification that the Department of Defense is providing disaster relief assistance to St. Maarten as the result of Hurricane Luis, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 404(c); to the Committee on National Security.

1517. A letter from the Inspector General, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of the Army Audit Agency's report of the Superfund financial transactions for fiscal year 1994, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 7501 note; to the Committee on Commerce.

1518. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's 79th annual report covering its accomplishments during the fiscal year ended September 30, 1993, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 46(f); to the Committee on Commerce.

1519. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Army's proposed lease of defense articles to the United Nations for Rwanda (Transmittal No. 02-96), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

1520. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the accession of Belgium to the project to establish an organization for continuous acquisition and life-cycle support [CALS] within NATO (Transmittal No. 12-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

1521. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that the Department of State intends to provide a physical security training course to Albania under the auspices of the Antiterrorism Assistance Program [ATA], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2349aa-3(a)(1); to the Committee on International Relations.

1522. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Army's proposed lease of defense articles to the United Nations for use in Rwanda (Transmittal No. 01-96), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

1523. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to allow removal of suits against the United States and its agencies, as well as those against Federal officers, and to allow removal of suits against Federal agencies and officers that are brought in local courts of U.S. territories and possessions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1524. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the annual report for 1994 on the relative cost of shipbuilding in the various coastal districts of the United States, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. app. 1123(c); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1525. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting a copy of the Board's response to OMB's request for information regarding agency operations in the absence of appropriations, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. app. 1903(c)(7); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1526. A letter from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the procedures for providing claimants and their representatives with copies of Board of Veterans' Appeals decisions and to protect the right of claimants to appoint veterans service organizations as their representatives in claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

1527. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on the results of a demonstration to determine the benefits and costs of establishing and maintaining a uniform cost reporting system for Medicare hospitals, pursuant to Public Law 100-203, section 4007(c)(4) (101 Stat. 1330-54); jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

1528. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Energy Policy and Conservation Act Amendments Act of 1995"; jointly, to the Committees on Commerce, Resources, and Banking and Financial Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2353. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to delivery of health and medical care, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 104-275). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

BILLS PLACED ON THE CORRECTIONS CALENDAR

Under clause 4 of rule XIII, the Speaker filed with the Clerk a notice requesting that the following bills be placed upon the Corrections Calendar:

H.R. 782. A bill to amend title 18 of the United States Code to allow members of employee associations to represent their views before the U.S. Government.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HORN, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. MARTINI, Mr. METCALF, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WELLER, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. PETRI, Mr. NEY, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. QUINN, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. TORKILDSEN, and Mr. REGULA):

H.R. 2472. A bill to amend the act of March 3, 1931 (known as the Davis-Bacon Act), to revise the standards for coverage under the act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mr. COYNE:

H.R. 2473. A bill to authorize funding within the Department of the Interior to implement the plan of the Steel Industry Heritage Project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEACH, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. LIGHTFOOT, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. ROEMER):

H.R. 2474. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 2-year extension of the tax incentives for the use of alcohol as a fuel; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

H.R. 2475. A bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to require that imported meat and meat food products containing imported meat be labeled imported, and to require that certain eating establishments serving imported meat inform customers of that fact; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. STUPAK:

H.R. 2476. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for common-sense reforms of the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. VUCANOVICH:

H.R. 2477. A bill to designate the Nellis Federal hospital in Las Vegas, NV, as the "Michael O'Callaghan Military Hospital", and for other purposes; to the Committee on National Security.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, private bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. METCALF:

H.R. 2478. A bill for the relief of the Sara, Jade, and Jordan Hutchings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROSE:

H.R. 2479. A bill for the relief of James A. Strickland; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 29: Mr. MARTINI.

H.R. 109: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 249: Mr. ACKERMAN.

H.R. 262: Mr. TORKILDSEN.

H.R. 263: Mr. DIXON.

H.R. 310: Mr. TORKILDSEN.

H.R. 351: Mr. GOSS and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 359: Mr. GOSS, Ms. MCCARTHY, and Miss COLLINS of Michigan.

H.R. 460: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 491: Mr. BILBRAY.

H.R. 497: Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. HORN, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. BLUTE, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

H.R. 528: Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. PAYNE of Virginia, Mr. FUNDERBURK, Mr. BARR, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. CHRYSLER, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. BUYER, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. EWING, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. NEY, Mr. LINDER, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. BURR, and Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 580: Mr. HEINEMAN.

H.R. 598: Mr. KIM, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. HANSEN.

H.R. 739: Mrs. ROUKEMA.

H.R. 911: Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut and Mr. TORRES.

H.R. 941: Mr. MENENDEZ and Ms. JACKSON-LEE.

H.R. 1078: Mr. WATT of North Carolina.