

in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 927. An act to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 927) "An Act to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, and for other purposes", disagreed to by the House and agrees to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. HELMS, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. THOMPSON, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. PELL, Mr. DODD, and Mr. ROBB to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1977) "An Act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2099) "An Act making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes".

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate numbered 63 to the above entitled bill.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1332. An act to clarify the application of certain Federal criminal laws to territories, possessions, and commonwealths, and for other purposes.

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, December 15, 1995.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the certificate of election received from the Honorable Bill Jones, Secretary of State, State of California, certifying that, according to the semi-official canvass of the Special Election held

on the December 12, the Honorable Tom Campbell was elected to the Office of Representative in Congress from the Fifteenth Congressional District of California.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE TOM CAMPBELL, OF CALIFORNIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Members of the California delegation please escort the Member-elect to the rostrum?

Mr. Campbell appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God?

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the Congress of the United States.

CAMPBELL STANDS FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT

(Mr. MOORHEAD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOORHEAD. Mr. Speaker, this is a great day for the State of California and for the U.S. Congress. A man of great principle, a man who is dedicated to good government and dedicated to balancing our budget and running our fiscal affairs the way they should be run in our households and in our Government and in our corporations.

It is an especially find day for me because TOM CAMPBELL has been a good friend since the first day he came to the House several sessions ago. TOM is a man that stands up for the things that he believes in, and in running his campaign, ran a clean, positive campaign. I believe his election is a notice to the American people that we are going to run positive campaigns, telling the people of the things that we believe in, and not tearing down the other side. TOM has run that kind of a campaign from the very beginning.

I am proud of you, TOM CAMPBELL. I know that you are going to be a great addition to this Congress. You performed a great duty before, and you have given our Republican delegation from California a majority for the first time in over a half a century. I hope that this is only the start, but we know that there is a job to be done; we are dedicated to doing it and, politics aside, we want to make America a better place for our children, a better place for all Americans of every race, creed, and color.

I know that you are dedicated to that proposition; I know that we will be

glad to support you in that dedication in every way that we can. Welcome to the U.S. Congress.

GRATITUDE FOR A SECOND CHANCE

(Mr. CAMPBELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker and my friends, this is a tremendous honor. Seldom in life do you have a second chance.

I want to begin by paying my respects to the Speaker of the House, whose leadership has created the majority that I join today.

To my family in the majority, we are a family, we will stay in the majority as long as we accommodate differences as families do, instead of striving for orthodoxy; I believe it is the strength of our party that is manifest in our ability to bring a broad spectrum to this Chamber.

To my friends in the minority party, I remember those who helped me when I was here before, when I could not get my bills through and you joined with me. To those of you who resisted the invitation to apply a label to me that was not accurate, I extend my thanks. And to those who perhaps did not resist such temptation, I have two points to raise.

First of all, it is simply wrong. It is wrong to tell an untruth to the American people. Second, it takes us away from the most important things that we should be doing and prevents us from delivering to the American people upon the propositions that we made.

I said at the start that it is seldom that you have a second chance in life. God and the voters of the 15th district have given me that chance in life once more. To those of this body who have never left office, who have been consistently, through the years, in this body, I have a little bit of wisdom to share, that when you lose this opportunity, you understand what a precious and unique privilege it is, what an honor it is to serve in the people's House.

I now have that particular wisdom that 1992 brought, me, and I hope to share it with you for many years to come. Let us use that wisdom so that we can give to our children and their children a country with a cleaner environment, with better educated children, with more individual liberty; but most importantly of all at this time in our Nation's history, a country that is not burdened by a Federal budget deficit, an end to the crime of stealing from our children so that we can spend, and the day, may it soon come, when we balance our Federal budget deficit.

Mr. Speaker, that is worth every devotion of energy that we have.

I conclude with a passage that is a favorite of mine and a favorite of my father, who died just before I was elected to Congress the first time, and you will

forgive me if I think Isaiah had something to say to me today as he does to all generations:

Though young men faint and grow weary, though youth stagger and fall, they have hope in the Lord, who shall renew their strength, and they shall rise as with the wings of eagles. They shall run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.

CAMPBELL WILL HELP LEAD THE WAY IN 1996

(Mr. BAKER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, I say to the gentleman from California [Mr. CAMPBELL], I liked the gentleman better under the labels they gave him in that last campaign, and I am going to speak for those conservatives who rallied around the gentleman to make sure that our victory was complete, that as the Republican Party, we are the party that allows debate and allows dissension.

The gentleman from California [Mr. CAMPBELL] and I are friends, and became friends, and we are going to stay friends as he meets his new conservative colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas Wolfe said, "You can't come home again," but they were wrong. TOM CAMPBELL, you are home again. They tried all of the campaign themes of 1996, they tried the school lunch, they tried the Mediscare, and they tried to paint you what you are not, but you spell one thing to the Republican Party, TOM CAMPBELL, and that is momentum. We are winning, and just as Ron Lewis and Frank Lucas said in 1994, we are the special elections that lead the way.

TOM CAMPBELL, you are a leader in 1996. Congratulations on a tremendous victory.

APPRECIATION OF CAMPBELL'S HIGH STANDARDS

(Mr. THOMAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise for this 1-minute to thank the gentleman from California [TOM CAMPBELL], actually not as a Republican, but I want to thank him as someone who knew him before he was in office, while he was in office and after he left to serve the people of the State of California. I want to thank him for putting his name on a ballot. I want to thank TOM CAMPBELL for his willingness to put his name on a ballot, once again.

As we argue over the issue differences that we clearly will have, based upon our different philosophies and, frankly, the different people that we represent, I think all of us can be proud, not just today, but frankly yesterday, that the House of Representatives is accepting as Members people of

the caliber of TOM CAMPBELL, and that hopefully, seeing right prevail will encourage more people of the caliber of TOM CAMPBELL, to put their names on the ballot. We are all better for him being a Member of this body once again.

REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN CALIFORNIA

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege and honor for me to once again welcome clearly one of the most brilliant, capable, and principled individuals who has ever served in the U.S. Congress. I believe that as we look at the outcome of this very historic election, which saw TOM CAMPBELL win by a 23-point margin, it demonstrated the fact that we have the people on our side when it comes to our goal of balancing the Federal budget and ensuring that we are not going to pass on to future generations the responsibility of paying for Washington's profligate spending pattern which has gone on for over four decades.

It seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that as we welcome TOM CAMPBELL, we should underscore the fact that his commitment to a balanced budget was key to his victory; and it is a great privilege for me, as the dean of our delegation Mr. MOORHEAD did, to underscore the fact that we now for the first time in many, many, many decades, have a Republican majority from the State of California.

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DEALING WITH THE DEBT

(Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this morning our national debt stands at \$4,988,313,115,981.79.

Last month the President agreed to enact a 7-year balanced budget using CBO numbers. But he has yet to introduce a budget that balances. We need a balanced budget for our senior citizens, working families, and our children. The Congressional Budget Office has scored his latest budget and it is not balanced. In fact in 2002 the budget deficit is projected to be \$115 billion. A balanced budget will help us reduce mortgage costs, car payments, and college costs.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the excuses to end. It is time to balance the budget, to make government live within its means and to give our children a shot at the American dream instead of the American debt.

SHUTDOWN LOOMS FOR DISTRICT

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, this is the last day of my countdown to shutdown. This is it. This is the day. I hope that this headline is as false as the one that said that Dewey had won the election: "Midnight Likely to Bring New Shutdown."

We are close enough so that a shutdown ought to be off the table, Mr. Speaker. The GOP asked for a 7-year plan. The President put a 7-year plan on the table. Americans now want us to work on the details—grunt work, not shut down of their services.

It is unthinkable, of course, that there would be no Christmas CR for Federal employees and for those who depend upon their services. But a CR would leave the District of Columbia running on empty. The way to kill an ailing city is to dole out its own money on a 2-day or a weekly or a quarterly basis. We do not want to finish off DC. We want to revive the Nation's Capital.

Bring our bill to the floor: Bipartisan; unanimously passed in the subcommittee and the full committee that would allow the Nation's Capital to spend its own money.

Fair is fair. Help the Nation's Capital. Do not kick it while it is down.

WE MUST BALANCE THE BUDGET

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the preamble to the Constitution reads, "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

As a Republican, as a veteran, as a citizen, and as father—these are the things that I have fought for and want to pass on to my children, their children, and my country. I think many people have forgotten what this budget fight is about. It is not about the CBO or the OMB. It is about the future of this country.

If we do not balance the Federal budget and reduce spending—the country our forefathers envisioned will collapse under the weight of a massive debt and growing deficits. We must reduce spending and balance the budget. The freedom of our people and our country depend on it.

LABOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES NEW PROFESSIONS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, whether it is a 4-year deal, 5-year deal, 7-year deal or 10-year deal, probably a 20-year deal, my question is: How can