

fought for this country, the veterans in this country, and close some of their hospitals. Not just take kids' summer jobs, for crying out loud, and taking away a little drug-free schools and communities program that benefits communities and schools. Not snatching milk from babies in the food stamp program and then give it to a big millionaire or a big corporation and then hold a press conference and say we balanced the budget. I think that is the biggest problem. Those are some of the problems that we have with balancing the budget.

If the gentleman wishes me to yield, I will be happy to yield, but I wanted to make those comments.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to thank the gentleman once again for yielding.

I would go so far as to say that when we look and compare the Republican method of balancing the budget, they plan to balance the budget in 7 years with deep cuts in Medicare and Medicaid, four times greater than any health cuts in history, deep cuts in education, a rollback obviously in environmental protection, and a tax increase on working families.

The President's balanced budget approach is much different. He balances the budget in 7 years while protecting Medicare, Medicaid, education and the environment and targeting tax relief to the middle class without any new tax increase on working families.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is correct. The issue here is about direction. Are we going to balance the budget on the backs of people who are poor and who are defenseless and cannot come and participate in this august body or part of this conversation? Who is asking and who is being asked to forgo what? Students are being asked to forgo interest rates on loans. Seniors are being asked to forgo Medicare.

There are 41 million Americans who have no form of health care at all and are not part of any debate. There are 19 million people who are working part-time jobs and they are being asked to forgo full-time work. There are 8 million homeless people, roughly 8 million homeless people who are being asked to forgo housing. There are youth who are being asked to forgo education. Our cities are being asked to forgo development while we balance this budget.

In my district, if I may take a moment of personal privilege, the cities of Harvey and Phoenix and Posen and Robbins and Dixmoor are being asked to forgo debt forgiveness while we can forgive the debt of Mexico. We can forgive the debt of the Soviet Union and former Eastern Bloc countries, but we cannot forgive the debt of townships in our own districts and in our own country.

There is nothing wrong with balancing the budget. We agreed that that should happen. The only issue is what direction that balanced budget should take.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from

Chicago. I want to thank him for his time tonight. Again, I welcome the gentleman to this august body. I enjoyed participating in this colloquy with the gentleman and want to thank him once again.

Let me just conclude by saying, we, as Members of this Congress, and as well as the executive branch of Government, we should, we must sit down and talk about balancing this budget and get this train moving again. Let me tell my colleagues, it is almost like a driver of a bus and a mechanic, a bus just breaking down on the side of the highway. And you have got a bunch of people on the bus. And the mechanic and the driver get into a big fight about what to do to get the bus moving again. The people on the bus do not really care about the differences between the driver and the mechanic. They just want to get to their next destination.

The American people really want to get to the next destination. We as grown men and women in this Congress, we must sit down and get this Government moving and open and balance the budget. But we must come to grips with the fact that we will not and we should not do it on the backs of the most defenseless people in this country, the elderly, the poor, and the young. And those people who are in the middle, who are trying to make a living, who are trying to do better, who are benefiting from the earned income tax credit. I would hope and pray that this Congress, this institution with all of its great wisdom, with its infinite wisdom would come to the conclusion that yes, we need to open our Government up. Yes, we need to move our Government forward. Yes, we need to balance our budget, and need to do it in a fair and equitable way.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, on December 15, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for December 15, after 3 p.m., for personal business.

Mr. STOKES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for December 15, for official business in the district.

Mr. TOWNS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for December 15, for official business in the district.

By unanimous consent, on December 15, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. YOUNG of Florida (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for December 15, for official business.

Mr. LIGHTFOOT (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for December 15, for a family emergency.

Mr. GUNDERSON (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for December 15 after 1 p.m., for personal reasons.

By unanimous consent, on December 15, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. HARMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for December 15 after 5 p.m., for official business.

Mr. EDWARDS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, for the birth of his son.

By unanimous consent, on December 15, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of a death in the family.

Ms. MOLINARI (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, for medical reasons.

Mrs. FOWLER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, for official 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. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POSHARD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OLVER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. SHADEGG, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOKE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BEREUTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DORNAN, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

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

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1747. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to permanently extend and clarify malpractice coverage for health centers, and for other purposes;

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;

H.R. 2099. An act making appropriations for the Department 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; and

H.R. 2336. An act to amend the Doug Barnard, Jr. 1996 Atlanta Centennial Olympic Games Commemorative Coin Act, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1060. An act to provide for the disclosure of lobbying activities to influence the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

On December 14, 1995:

H.R. 325. An act to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for an optional provision for the reduction of work-related vehicle trips and miles travelled in ozone nonattainment areas designated as severe, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1240. An act to combat crime by enhancing the penalties for certain sexual crimes against children.

On December 16, 1995:

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.

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.

H.R. 2336. An act to amend the Doug Barnard, Jr. 1996 Atlanta Centennial Olympic Games Commemorative Coin Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1747. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act permanently extend and clarify malpractice coverage for health centers, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.) under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, December 19, 1995, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1847. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

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. ROBERTS: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 2029. A bill to amend the Farm Credit Act of 1971 to provide regulatory relief; with amendments (Rept. 104-421). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2539. A bill to abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission, to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-422). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 309. Resolution providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 122) setting forth a revised congressional budget for the U.S. Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 (Rept. 104-423). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 310. Resolution expediting the commencement of committee hearings during the remainder of the first session of the 104th Congress (Rept. 104-424). Referred to the House Calendar.

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. FIELDS of Louisiana:

H.R. 2800. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a 5-percent tax on all wagering and to use the revenues from such tax to enhance funding for public elementary and secondary education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, 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 Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN:

H.R. 2801. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers perform contract oversight of fund financed remedial actions under that act; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 Mr. LONGLEY (for himself, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. METCALF, and Mr. COOLEY):

H.R. 2802. A bill to impose temporarily a 25-percent duty on imports of certain Canadian wood and lumber products, to require the administering authority to initiate an investigation under title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 with respect to such products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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 Mr. MCCOLLUM (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COBLE, Mr. HEINEMAN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 2803. A bill to amend the anti-car theft provisions of title 49, United States Code to increase the utility of motor vehicle title information to State and Federal law

enforcement officials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

H.R. 2804. A bill to amend the auto theft provisions of title 49, United States Code, to add air bag modules to the list of major auto parts protected under such provisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STARK (for himself and Mr. MATSUI):

H.R. 2805. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the amount of the premium charged for enrollment in part A of the Medicare Program for individuals 80 years of age or older; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TORKILDSEN:

H.R. 2806. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to create the Venture Capital Marketing Association, to transfer certain functions of the Small Business Administration to the Association, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, and Banking and Financial Services, 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 Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma (for himself, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, and Mr. TALENT):

H.R. 2807. A bill to consolidate Federal youth prevention and youth development programs and create a new process and structure for providing Federal assistance for these programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Commerce, 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 Mr. KASICH (for himself, Mr. CONDIT, and Mr. HOBSON):

H.J. Res. 132. Joint resolution affirming that budget negotiations shall be based on the most recent technical and economic assumptions of the Congressional Budget Office and shall achieve a balanced budget by fiscal year 2002 based on those assumptions.

By Mr. WALSH:

H.J. Res. 133. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. KASICH (by request):

H. Con. Res. 122. Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for U.S. Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002; to the Committee on the Budget.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII.

184. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma, relative to U.S. military forces and the United Nations; memorializing Congress to cease certain activities concerning the United Nations; and directing distribution. Referred to the Committee on International Relations.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 835: Mr. SISISKY.

H.R. 911: Mr. BARCIA of Michigan.

H.R. 1023: Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi.