

to grow, we just do not want it to grow as quickly.

The reason we want it not to grow as quickly is we want to eliminate the deficits. We want to make the interest of what we pay on the national debt smaller. I think of the generations that have preceded me in Congress, the Members that preceded and voted out these large deficits, and those that were here while I was here who continue to vote out large deficits.

We now spend \$234 billion on interest on the national debt. Think of what we could do with that money if it was not interest on the national debt. Think of the programs that we could do, that would be meaningful.

Mr. Speaker, I do not think we are going to succeed in slowing the growth of Medicare and Medicaid unless it is bipartisan. I'm not sure how that is going to happen, because the dialog to date has not been encouraging. We have not had the President come in with a recommendation on how he would suggest we slow the growth in spending; still spend more, just not spend as much.

We are having a dialog now where Republicans are saying we need to take tough stands on some of these programs, tough; we are going to allow the nutrition program to go up 4.5 percent, instead of 5.2 percent. I guess we could call it tough. I think it makes sense.

I think it makes sense to block grant the program. I think it makes sense to spend more of the money on the poor children in our school districts. I had some of the school nutrition people come to my office and tell me they did not want that to happen, they want to subsidize lunch for all students. I said "I want it to go to the students who cannot pay for it."

They said "We do not want two lines in our school system, the poorer kids, and the kids who can afford that." I said "Do not have two lines, have one line, but give one of the students a voucher, a coin, something that enables him to have a subsidized lunch."

So as I think about this debate, and wonder if we are going to continue the way we are going, or whether we are going to have change, I am encouraged. I think that there are a number of Republicans who are willing to take some tough votes and take responsible votes. I think there are going to be a number of Democrats who will as well. I think we are going to have an honest debate about what was discussed earlier about taxes. To me, deficit reduction comes before cutting taxes.

I might have a disagreement as to what the tax cuts do. I happen to think a capital gains cut makes sense. I happen to think that what we need to worry about is what happens to the money once it is provided to that taxpayer, what do they do with it.

If we can provide tax cuts where a person takes the money and invests it in new plant and equipment and increases productivity, and it means more jobs for Americans, I think it

makes sense. If it means that it is not going to encourage growth, then I have a question mark.

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The jury is still out as to what is going to happen to the tax cuts. They will be funded. I think they will pass, but ultimately what the Senate will do for me, I am going to vote to control the growth in spending. I am going to allow my Government to spend more money on these very needed programs. I am just going to have the growth be more sensible and not so out of control. And I am going to vote to make rational controls as well to some of the discretionary spending that we see.

We need to slow the growth in spending. We are going to spend more, we are just not going to spend as much as we have been spending.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank you and the staff who are here staying up late to allow us to share our views on what we think are some very important issues.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING FOR THE 104TH CONGRESS

(Mr. THOMAS asked and was given permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to and in accordance with clause 2 (a) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and clause B of rule I of the Rules of the Joint Committee on Printing, I submit for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a copy of the rules of the Joint Committee on Printing for the 104th Congress as approved by the Committee on March 6, 1995.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

RULE 1—COMMITTEE RULES

(a) The rules of the Senate and House insofar as they are applicable, shall govern the Committee.

(b) The Committee's rules shall be published in the Congressional Record as soon as possible following the Committee's organizational meeting in each odd-numbered year.

(c) Where these rules require a vote of the members of the Committee, polling of members either in writing or by telephone shall not be permitted to substitute for a vote taken at a Committee meeting, unless the ranking minority member assents to waiver of this requirement.

(d) Proposals for amending Committee rules shall be sent to all members at least one week before final action is taken thereon, unless the amendment is made by unanimous consent.

RULE 2—REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(a) The regular meeting date of the Committee shall be the second Wednesday of every month when the House and Senate are in session. A regularly scheduled meeting need not be held if there is no business to be considered and after appropriate notification is made to the ranking minority member. Additional meetings may be called by the chairman as he may deem necessary or at the request of the majority of the members of the Committee.

(b) If the chairman of the Committee is not present at any meeting of the Committee, the vice-chairman or ranking member of the majority party on the Committee who is present shall preside at the meeting.

RULE 3—QUORUM

(a) Five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum which is required for the purpose of closing meetings, promulgating Committee orders or changing the rules of the Committee.

(b) Three members shall constitute a quorum for purposes of taking testimony and receiving evidence.

RULE 4—PROXIES

(a) Written or telegraphic proxies of Committee members will be received and recorded on any vote taken by the Committee, except at the organization meeting at the beginning of each Congress or for the purpose of creating a quorum.

(b) Proxies will be allowed on any such votes for the purpose or recording a member's position on a question only when the absentee Committee member has been informed of the question and has affirmatively requested that he be recorded.

RULE 5—OPEN AND CLOSED MEETINGS

(a) Each meeting for the transaction of business of the Committee shall be open to the public except when the Committee, in open session and with a quorum present, determines by roll call vote that all or part of the remainder of the meeting on that day shall be closed to the public. No such vote shall be required to close a meeting that relates solely to internal budget or personnel matters.

(b) No person other than members of the Committee, and such Congressional staff and other representatives as they may authorize, shall be present in any business session which has been closed to the public.

RULE 6—ALTERNATING CHAIRMANSHIP AND VICE CHAIRMAN BY CONGRESSES

(a) The chairmanship and vice chairmanship of the Committee shall alternate between the House and the Senate by Congresses. The senior member of the minority party in the House of Congress opposite of that of the chairman shall be the ranking minority member of the Committee.

(b) In the event the House and Senate are under different party control, the chairman and vice chairman shall represent the majority party in their respective Houses. When the chairman and vice chairman represent different parties, the vice chairman shall also fulfill the responsibilities of the ranking minority member as prescribed by these rules.

RULE 7—PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

Questions as to the order of business and the procedures of the Committee shall in the first instance be decided by the chairman, subject always to an appeal to the Committee.

RULE 8—HEARINGS: PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WITNESSES

(a) The chairman, in the case of hearings to be conducted by the Committee, shall make public announcement of the date, place and subject matter of any hearing to be conducted on any measure or matter at least one week before the commencement of that hearing unless the Committee determines that there is good cause to begin such hearing at an earlier date. In the latter event, the chairman shall make such public announcement at the earliest possible date. The staff director of the Committee shall promptly notify the Daily Digest of the Congressional Record as soon as possible after such public announcement is made.

(b) So far as practicable, all witnesses appearing before the Committee shall file advance written statements of their proposed testimony at least 48 hours in advance of their appearance and their oral testimony shall be limited to brief summaries. Limited insertions or additional germane material will be received for the record, subject to the approval of the chairman.

RULE 9—OFFICIAL HEARING RECORD

(a) An accurate stenographic record shall be kept of all Committee proceedings and actions. Brief supplemental materials when required to clarify the transcript may be inserted in the record subject to the approval of the chairman.

(b) Each member of the Committee shall be provided with a copy of the hearings transcript for the purpose of correcting errors of transcription and grammar, and clarifying questions or remarks. If any other person is authorized by a Committee member to make his corrections, the staff director shall be so notified.

(c) Members who have received unanimous consent to submit written questions to witnesses shall be allowed two days within which to submit these to the staff director for transmission to the witnesses. The record may be held open for a period not to exceed two weeks awaiting the responses by witnesses.

(d) A witness may obtain a transcript copy of his testimony given at a public session or, if given at an executive session, when authorized by the Committee. Testimony received in closed hearings shall not be released or included in any report without the approval of the Committee.

RULE 10—WITNESSES FOR COMMITTEE HEARINGS

(a) Selection of witnesses for Committee hearings shall be made by the Committee staff under the direction of the Chairman. A list of proposed witnesses shall be submitted to the members of the Committee for review sufficiently in advance of the hearings to permit suggestions by the Committee members to receive appropriate consideration.

(b) The Chairman shall provide adequate time for questioning of witnesses by all members, including minority members, and the rule of germaneness shall be enforced in all hearings.

(c) Whenever a hearing is conducted by the Committee upon any measure or matter, the minority of the Committee shall be entitled, upon unanimous request to the Chairman before the completion of such hearings, to call witnesses selected by the minority to testify with respect to the measure or matter during at least one day of hearing thereon.

RULE 11—CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FURNISHED TO THE COMMITTEE

The information contained in any books, papers or documents furnished to the Committee by any individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity shall, upon the request of the individual, partnership, corporation or entity furnishing the same, be maintained in strict confidence by the members and staff of the Committee, except that any such information may be released outside of executive session of the Committee if the release thereof is affected in a manner which will not reveal the identity of such individual, partnership, corporation or entity in connection with any pending hearing or as a part of a duly authorized report of the Committee if such release is deemed essential to the performance of the functions of the Committee and is in the public interest.

RULE 12—BROADCASTING OF COMMITTEE HEARINGS

The rule for broadcasting of Committee hearings shall be the same as Rule XI, clause 3, of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

RULE 13—COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) No Committee report shall be made public or transmitted to the Congress without the approval of a majority of the Committee except when Congress has adjourned; Provided, that any member of the Committee may make a report supplementary to or dissenting from the majority report. Such supplementary or dissenting reports should be as brief as possible.

(b) Factual reports by the Committee staff may be printed for distribution to Committee members and the public only upon authorization of the chairman either with the approval of a majority of the Committee or with the consent of the ranking minority member.

RULE 14—CONFIDENTIALITY OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

No summary of a Committee report, prediction of the contents of a report, or statement of conclusions concerning any investigation shall be made by a member of the Committee or by any staff member of the Committee prior to the issuance of a report of the Committee.

RULE 15—COMMITTEE STAFF

(a) The Committee shall have a professional and clerical staff under the supervision of a staff director. Staff operating procedures shall be determined by the staff director, with the approval of the chairman of the Committee, and after notification to the ranking minority member with respect to basic revisions of existing procedures. The staff director, under the general supervision of the chairman, is authorized to deal directly with agencies of the Government and with non-Government groups and individuals on behalf of the Committee.

(b) The chairman and vice chairman, on behalf of their respective bodies of Congress, shall be entitled to designate two senior staff members each. During any Congress in which both Houses are under the control of the same party, the ranking minority member, on behalf of his party, shall be entitled to designate two senior staff members.

(c) All other staff members shall be selected on the basis of their training, experience and attainments, without regard to race, religion, sex, color, age, national origin or political affiliations, and shall serve all members of the Committee in an objective, non-partisan manner.

RULE 16—COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The chairman of the Committee may establish such other procedures and take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the foregoing rules or to facilitate the effective operation of the Committee. Specifically, the chairman is authorized, during the interim periods between meetings of the Committee, to act on all requests submitted by any executive department, independent agency, temporary or permanent commissions and committees of the Federal Government, the Government Printing Office and any other Federal Government, the Government Printing Office and any other Federal entity, pursuant to the requirements of applicable Federal law and regulations.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LOBIONDO (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) until 4 p.m. today, on account of a medical emergency.

Mrs. CUBIN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) after 2:50 p.m. today through tomorrow, on account of surgery.

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. KENNEDY of Rhode Island) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WYNN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. VOLKMER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SANDERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. ENSIGN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WHITFIELD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HAYWORTH, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

Mr. FROST, to include extraneous matter in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, on House Resolution 109, in the House today.

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

Mr. MATSUI in two instances.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

Mr. GEJDENSON.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mrs. LOWEY.

Mr. WAXMAN.

Mr. ACKERMAN.

Ms. KAPTUR.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. MANTON.

Mr. RICHARDSON.

Ms. ESHOO in three instances.

Mr. PALLONE.

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

Mr. COMBEST.

Mr. STUMP.

Mr. KIM.

Mr. PETRI.

Mr. NEY.

Mr. BILBRAY.

Mr. BARR.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, March 10, 1995, at 10 a.m.