We only wish that he had, in fact, contacted the CBO or the OMB to get it scored before he made that statement that he was offering a balanced budget in 10 years. Because, frankly, if we balance the budget in 10 years, or we balance the budget in 7 years, there is room there to talk about things that are difficult problems but are things that we can negotiate, we can talk about.

But when CBO scored the President's plan, what we found out is shown in this graph. And that is that the Republican budget that we have passed as a resolution goes from the current deficit down to zero by the year 2002. But the President's budget stays, it hovers just around \$200 billion deficits for the next 7 years and then it goes on the next 3 years at \$200 billion deficits. I only wish that the President had, in fact, gotten it scored first.

# HOUSE NEEDS GIFT BAN LEGISLATION

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, we continue to have ample opportunity in this body to close down the influence of the special interests, including one that we had yesterday. But the Republican leadership refused, and this is not the first time. They refused over and over again to allow an amendment to come up to ban gifts to Members of this Congress.

Yesterday they refused to allow the Baldacci amendment to come up that would close down the ability of the special interests to have undue influence

on Members of Congress.

Members of this body do not need gifts. They do not need airline tickets to exotic places; frequent-flyer miles. We are very, very well compensated and our job here is to do the business of

the people.

The Republican leadership's rhetoric is just that, rhetoric, about closing down corporate special interests. Let us close the special interests down. Let us have a gift ban amendment on this floor.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF CLASSIFIED MATERIALS ACCOM-PANYING THE FISCAL YEAR 1996 INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION BILL H.R. 1655

(Mr. COMBEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I wish to announce to all Members of the House that the classified schedule of authorizations and the classified annex to the committee report accompanying the intelligence authorization bill for fiscal year 1996, H.R. 1655, are available for review by Members at the offices of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in room H-405 of the Cap-

itol from 8:30 to 5:30, Monday through Friday.

It is important that Members keep in mind that clause 13 of rule XVIII of the House, adopted at the beginning of the 104th Congress, requires that before Members of the House may have access to classified information, they must sign the oath set out in that clause. The classified schedule of authorizations and the classified annex to the committee report contain the Intelligence Committee's recommendations on the intelligence budget for fiscal year 1996 and related classified information which may not be disclosed publicly. After consultation with the general counsel to the Clerk of the House, I would advise Members wishing to have access to the classified schedule of authorizations and the classified annex that they must bring with them to the committee office a copy of the rule LXIII oath signed by them or be prepared to sign a copy of that oath when they come to see these classified materials.

I would also recommend that Members wishing to read the classified schedule of authorizations and the classified annex to the committee report first call the committee office to indicate when you plan to review the classified annex to the report. This will help assure that a member of the committee staff is available to help Members, if they wish, with their review of these classified materials. I urge Members to take some time to review these classified documents to help them better understand the actions the Intelligence Committee has recommended before the intelligence authorization is considered on the House floor in the next several weeks.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. COMBEST. I yield to the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. VOLKMER. That is one rule of the House that was enacted this year; correct?

 $\mbox{Mr.}$  COMBEST. The gentleman is correct

Mr. VOLKMER. It is interesting to me that the Republican majority stands very strong about enforcing this rule of the House, but does not enforce another rule of the House that says that Members of this body can only serve on four subcommittees. Is the gentleman going to enforce that rule?

Mr. COMBEST. I do not enforce rules of the House, I tell the gentleman from Missouri. And I suggest he take it up with the leadership.

# MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 167 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 1817.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1817) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, with Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole House rose on Tuesday, June 20, 1995, the amendment offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. FRANK] had been disposed of and the bill had been read through line 12, page 19.

Are there further amendments?

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. OBEY

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

SEC. 126. The amounts otherwise provided in this Act for the following accounts are hereby reduced by the following amounts:

(1) "Military Construction, Army", aggregate amount, \$14,000,000.

(2) "Military Construction, Navy", aggregate amount, \$9,500,000.

(3) "Military Construction, Army National Guard", \$13,200,000.

(4) "Military Construction, Air National Guard", \$11,000,000.

(5) ''Military Construction, Air Force Reserve'', \$1,800,000.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Chairman, this amendment is a very easy to understand amendment. It simply cuts this bill by \$50 million. As I think most Members know, this \$7.2 billion bill is \$2.5 billion above last year's appropriations for the same items and it is one half of a billion dollars above the President's request.

Now, many of the projects added by the committee are referred to as quality of life projects which improve the quality of life of our servicemen and women.

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This does nothing whatsoever to limit those projects, but by my calculation, there are at least \$140 million in added projects which have absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with improving quality of life for our service men and women. They are simply added projects for Members who are attempting to change DOD construction priorities.

My amendment simply seeks to reduce the added spending in this bill somewhat less than that amount, \$50 million out of \$140 million. It is hardly a radical amendment.

For those of you concerned about which projects this amendment affects, I would say it does not affect any

project specifically. I am not trying to embarrass any individual Member on either side of the aisle. I am simply trying to cut the overall amounts so that this committee can, as it deals with the Senate, use its own judgment in conjunction with the Secretary on where those reductions ought to come from.

This is a time of stark choices. The bill before us represents an unbelievable increase of 28 percent over last year's appropriation. I do not believe that is justifiable nor do I believe that is defensible at a time when we are seeing major reductions in other key programs that affect working people all over this country.

The Labor, Health, and Education bill, for instance, is going to be \$10 billion below last year's level. The HUD bill is going to be some \$9 billion below last year's level. The Interior bill yesterday had to make very deep reductions in some key programs to help local units of government because of reductions in that area. The Commerce, Justice bill is going to be cut substantially, squeezing our ability to provide decent funding for law enforcement all over the country.

The magnitude of those cuts is going to endanger a lot of health programs. It is going to put student loans in a position where the costs for those will rise significantly. Veterans' programs will be at risk. Law enforcement, immigration enforcement, national parks, housing for the elderly, all of them are going to be at risk, and yet we have this bill before us with a 28-percent increase over last year.

I think that is phenomenally ridiculous. I think it is a spectacular example of how this Congress is missing the boat in terms of a rational set of priorities when it comes to applying required spending cuts.

This is a modest effort, \$50 million cut out of a huge, over \$11 billion, bill. I would urge that the committee adopt the amendment.

Mrs. VUCANOVICH. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

No matter how the gentleman describes his proposal, it is simply an across-the-board reduction to five accounts in this bill.

If the gentleman wanted to eliminate individual projects in the bill, we could have debated the merits of doing so. He could have identified projects for us that he believed to be less meritorious. We could have discussed whether or not they deserved the support of the House. But he did not choose to do that. Instead, he proposes to cut a substantial amount of resources from the bill, but without canceling any projects.

Mr. Chairman, our subcommittee has worked hard to present a good bill to the House. We have done this in a very bipartisan manner, and we have coordinated our actions with the authorizing committee. In its most basic sense, the bill literally adds up. There is no creative accounting or other fiscal gimmickry to make the numbers work. It

is just good, straightforward mathematics.

But the gentleman appears to think that there is a better way to do the job. All that is required is to pull a number out of thin air. Ignore the detailed architectural work, engineering, design, and cost estimating that backs up each and every project. Ignore the realities of area cost factors that are constantly changing around the country and around the world. Ignore the bidding climate that is very sensitive to the timing of construction proposals.

Instead, just make up a number.

Mr. Chairman, I ask the Members to stand in support of the good work we have performed in hammering out the details of this bill. It is a good bill, and it deserves your support. Oppose this proposal to just make up a number and tell the Department of Defense to find a way to live with it.

I ask for your vote against this amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote, and, pending that, I make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The CHAIRMAN. Evidently a quorum is not present.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 2, rule XXIII, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device, if ordered, will be taken on the pending question following the quorum call.

Members will record their presence by electronic device.

The call was taken by electronic device.

The following Members responded to their names:

# [Roll No. 399]

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The CHAIRMAN. Four hundred fourteen Members have answered to their names, a quorum is present, and the Committee will resume its business.

#### RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand of the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] for a recorded vote. Five minutes will be allowed for the vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 163, noes 258, not voting 13, as follows:

# [Roll No. 400]

# AYES-163

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Mr. GREENWOOD changed his vote

from "aye" to "no."

Mr. SPRATT changed his vote from "no" to "aye.

So the amendment was rejected. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Chairman, because of an unforeseen scheduling conflict, I was unable to be in attendance in the House for one recorded vote, rollcall vote No. 400 on the Obey amendment to H.R. 1817.

Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote No. 400.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there further amendments?

If not, the Clerk will read the last two lines of the bill.

The Clerk read as follows:

This Act may be cited as the "Military Construction Appropriations Act, 1996''

The CHAIRMAN. If there are no further amendments, under the rule the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky) having assumed the chair, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1817) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 167, directed he report the bill back to the House with sundry amendments adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is or-

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment? If not, the Chair will put them

The amendments were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

Under the rule, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were-yeas 319, nays 105, not voting 10, as follows:

# [Roll No. 401] YEAS-319

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. VUCANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill, H.R. 1817, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Nevada?

There was no objection.

# GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill, H.R. 1854, and that I may include tabular and extraneous materials and charts.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 169 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 1854.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1854) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, with Mr. LINDER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having

been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. PACKARD] will be recognized for 30 minutes, and the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO] will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. PACKARD].

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. PACKARD asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Chairman, it is a pleasure to present the legislative branch appropriations bill for the fiscal year 1996. The bill H.R. 1854 and the report, House Report Number 104–141, were reported by the Committee on Appropriations on Thursday, June 15.

Before I begin, I want to acknowledge the members of the subcommittee who have shared in crafting this bill. I am particularly grateful to the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO], the ranking minority member of the committee and former chairman of this committee for many years. He has been my mentor on the committee and has been an extremely great person to work with.

In addition, we have the gentleman from Florida [Mr. YOUNG], who has served as the ranking minority member for years on this committee, the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. TAYLOR], the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MILLER], and the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER].

On the minority side, in addition to the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO], we have the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. THORNTON] and the gentleman from California [Mr. DIXON]. They have all helped craft this bill and have been very helpful in and cooperative in bringing about what I consider a very good piece of legislation.

We also have the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. LIVINGSTON], the chairman of the full committee, who has sat in on our meetings and sits on the subcommittee, as well as the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY], the ranking minority member of the full committee.

The bill covers appropriations for the operations of the House, the joint committees, our support agencies, the CBO, the Congressional Research Service, General Accounting Office, the Architect of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, and the Government Printing Office. Funds for the Senate will be added by the other body when the bill is taken up in the Senate.

The bill summary is as follows:

It includes \$1.7 billion in budget authority. It reduces from this current year's budget \$154.9 million. It also reduces by \$333 million under the requests received in the President's budget. It is \$26.6 million under the discretionary 602(b) allocation and, again, the Senate items are excluded from this bill.

The bill makes significant reductions and changes in our operations. We have calculated that if the entire Federal budget were reduced in proportion to