

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Corrections to the text of the joint explanatory statement in H. Rpt. 104-612:

(1) On page 58, for function 150, International Affairs, the 1997 budget authority figure should be \$131 million.

(2) On page 59, for function 370, Commerce and Housing Credit, the 1997 budget authority figure should be \$3,092 million; the 1997 outlay figure should be \$2,990 million; the size-year budget authority total should be \$17,789 million; the six-year outlay total should be \$16,879 million.

(3) On page 88, the table includes the incorrect levels for nondefense discretionary budget authority and outlays because it fails

to include the levels from the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund. Section 301 of the budget resolution establishes a cap on non-defense discretionary spending, which includes spending from the Crime Fund. The following table includes funding from the Crime Fund and provides the correct levels for nondefense and total discretionary spending.

#### DEFENSE/NONDEFENSE LIMITS

[In millions of dollars]

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Defense:						
Budget authority .....	266,362	268,971	271,500	274,024	276,672	279,459
Outlays .....	264,968	263,862	267,048	270,657	269,744	269,608
General Purpose Nondefense:						
Budget authority .....	226,305	219,646	213,718	218,515	214,445	221,133
Outlays .....	270,571	258,492	252,981	248,847	246,479	244,611
Violent Crime Reduction Trust fund:						
Budget authority .....	4,683	5,100	6,050	6,050	.....	.....
Outlays .....	3,073	4,664	5,456	5,747	.....	.....
Subtotal Nondefense:						
Budget authority .....	230,988	224,746	219,768	224,565	214,445	221,133
Outlays .....	273,644	263,093	258,437	254,594	246,479	244,611
Total Discretionary:						
Budget authority .....	497,350	493,717	491,268	498,589	491,117	500,592
Outlays .....	538,612	526,955	525,485	525,251	516,223	514,219

Mr. DOMENICI. There are some Senators who want to be heard on the Dole departure, but I believe I have used enough time.

I will yield to you, Senator EXON, if you would like to open now, at your convenience.

Mr. EXON. I say to my friend and colleague from New Mexico, the Senator on this side has been trying to accommodate Democratic Senators who wanted to speak on the budget. I had a Senator scheduled for 4:30. I set him back to 5 o'clock. I thought we had agreed, and I used time in the 1 hour, for salutes to Senator DOLE.

All I am saying is it is very difficult for me to schedule speakers on the matter at hand if we keep setting these things back. I wish to accommodate all Senators. When you accommodate one Senator, you "disaccommodate" someone else.

How many speakers do we have that wish to speak on the Dole matter?

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, Senator HATFIELD has indicated he wants to speak for 3 minutes, 10 minutes for Senator KEMPTHORNE, and 5 minutes for Senator COVERDELL.

I will yield them my 18 minutes as if I were making an opening statement, and that will be the end of my opening statement. Then it will be your turn, and you can yield to some Democrat Senators after that.

Mr. President, I yield to Senator MARK HATFIELD 3 minutes, I yield 10 minutes to Senator KEMPTHORNE, and I yield 5 minutes to Senator COVERDELL. I yield in that order at this point. Then I will be gone from the floor. When they finish, we will return to Senator EXON.

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, I am happy to yield to the Senator from Idaho who was on the floor before me. I will follow the Senator from Idaho. I ask unanimous consent for that.

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. I thank the Senator from Oregon for his courtesy.

#### TRIBUTE TO SENATOR BOB DOLE

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, 15 months ago I told BOB DOLE I would enthusiastically support his quest for the Presidency of the United States. We see in his quest for the Presidency that he now has left the Senate of the United States. I think all of us have so many emotions that we are feeling today. I know the Nation, the Senate, and I would regret the day when the clerk would call the roll and the name of BOB DOLE would no longer be called. That day has now arrived.

It would be easy to dwell on the truth that the Senate will lose a man that history will hold in a place of great honor. Rather, I think it is more important that we celebrate BOB DOLE's victories, his leadership, his humor, and his ability to get things done.

Mr. President, I want to discuss for a moment, then, a personal experience that I had with Senator DOLE. It was with great pride and honor when Senator DOLE designated my legislation to stop unfunded Federal mandates, S. 1. As we all know, the significance, of course, is that this denotes a majority leader's stamp of approval in his priority on legislation. A majority leader does not want his bill that he has designated "No. 1" to fail.

Having said that, it is all the more remarkable that he chose my legislation because I had only been here 2 years. I had no track record. It would have been far safer for Senator DOLE to choose some of the seasoned veteran Senators, such as Senator DOMENICI, Senator ROTH, or Senator HATFIELD, to carry this type of legislation. Not only did he choose my legislation, but he then designated me to be the floor manager, a responsibility I had never, ever done before.

I say this not in any way to somehow bring attention to myself, because I say this with all humility, to make it clear that BOB DOLE was not taking the normal course of action. It was indicative of his leadership of reaching out to others who may not have had all of

the credentials, all of the experience, but who do have a passion to get something positive done.

He transfers his belief in a person so that that person will not ever want to let BOB DOLE down. I believe that is what he will do for all of America. He will tap that spirit in others and help them to reach new heights. It is one thing to have the ability to do something yourself, as BOB DOLE has that great ability, but it is a greater achievement to instill in others that same can-do spirit and then go and do it. But you must have someone who believes in you.

BOB DOLE believes in people. BOB DOLE believes in America. He instills in others that desire to reach within yourself and to do something great. It is a high honor to be elected by your fellow citizens to serve in the U.S. Senate. To then have been able to serve while BOB DOLE was here magnifies that honor.

When we had the debate on Senate bill 1, Senator ROBERT C. BYRD described the new majority leader, BOB DOLE, to his Democratic colleagues by saying, "The leader over there is tough. Wait and see. He will use the rules on me, and I respect that, and I admire that."

Well, yes, BOB DOLE is tough. He is tough, but he is also wise. When duty calls for him to be bipartisan, the man knows how to be bipartisan. But he also knows when it is time to be partisan, and he can be partisan. He is tireless. How many times have we been here on the floor of the U.S. Senate at midnight, and many of us are starting to find that our energies are sagging, and there is BOB DOLE, crisp, with his humor that props us up, keeps us going. There is BOB DOLE, who has a solution.

I am going to miss hearing BOB DOLE telling Senators to work it out, work it out, work it out. If it could not be worked out, he would always say, "Do you have the votes? Let us vote." For my part, BOB DOLE taught me the importance of working with and listening

to all Senators and of seeking solutions that do not abandon principle. I want my children, Heather and Jeff, to learn from BOB DOLE that they can overcome any adversity—any adversity that comes their way. I cannot think of a more honorable man that I would entrust the future of my children to.

Finally, a word to Elizabeth and BOB DOLE. I hope you leave the Senate with a deep and abiding satisfaction of mission accomplished, job well done. My wife Patricia and I will keep you in our prayers in the coming months, and we will ask for God's peace and protection for your family. We look forward to working with you—you, who I believe will be the next President and First Lady of this great country.

With that, Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. HATFIELD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon is recognized.

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, I join my colleagues today in wishing our majority leader a senatorial farewell. His contributions are well known, his integrity is unquestioned, and his service has been an example for each one of us on both sides of the aisle.

I want to just comment about the service factor in his life and how we are all drawn to those who serve—whether it is a Boy Scout who walks a hobbling grandmother across the street, or a community clothing drive, raising money for charity, or a PTA member spending hours at local meetings. Service we admire, service we respect, and service from our elected officials we always expect.

Majority Leader DOLE is no exception. Kansans expect him to represent their interests. Republicans expect him to lead the party, and Senators—well, we expect him to guide us through the joys and trials of partisan politics. So, as a U.S. Senator, I have often expected him to serve me as well. Long before leaving this Senate, BOB DOLE had my admiration. Long before he led this Senate, he had my respect, and I am led to believe that long before he was decorated as a war hero, I would have wanted Bob DOLE as my friend.

The issues we debate during the 104th Congress we have debated before. Like a pendulum, important issues swing away from us, and eventually they swing back. Every so often, we see a leader who is able to stop the pendulum, who is able to lead us into a solution that gives the pendulum a bit of a rest. For the causes of the disadvantaged and disabled Americans, Senator DOLE has proven to be such a leader. And for the need to reduce our deficit, he has few equals.

As chairman of the Appropriations Committee, I have seen the work that he has done. I have seen the money come in and, with greater detail, I have seen the money go out. Senator DOLE's legacy is his willingness to fight for the welfare of today while just as eagerly vying for the welfare of our children and our grandchildren for the future.

So, in 1968, he joined the ranks of this body, and in 1996 he leaves. I shall not wish him a happy retirement, for no matter what lies ahead, he will not retire. I expect his service will always continue. I wish him well. Antoinette and I both pray that BOB and Elizabeth's future will be strewn with God's blessing.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. COVERDELL addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, not far from the Capitol, on Constitution, across from the Navy Memorial, is a building that houses the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States and other major artifacts of our beginning. On the outside of the building, it says, "The Past is Prolog."

As I have heard the eloquent statements throughout the day and throughout the past several weeks about our majority leader, this has come to mind, because the future is always guided and shaped by the past.

BOB DOLE is a man of this century. BOB DOLE's life experience is that of a giant figure in American history. The experiences of his life are immeasurable. The knowledge that has been accomplished by it would be hard to calculate. The capacity that it represents has a far and long reach. So when the Senator from Kansas came at midday and gave us his farewell address, you could measure some of the energy and reach and capacity of this world figure, of this American figure, by the response that he received on both sides of the aisle, and throughout America, I am sure.

I have always said that whenever I think of BOB DOLE, I think of the heart and soul of America. I think we saw that expressed over these last several days. He truly is the embodiment of everything that we have come to think of as America—the fortitude to overcome adversity, perseverance, patience, strength, agility, entrepreneurship, problem solving, getting things done. He leaves with the love of his family of colleagues, all who have wished him a safe and secure journey. He characterizes what is yet before him as "one more mission." I think that statement properly casts what lies before him, but it also reminds us of what he has endured. He is a man who has endured and built the American mission. He brings to his task, as I have said, immeasurable resources.

I believe, as Senator SIMPSON alluded, that as Americans come to know him as his colleagues do, they will readily embrace this man and his mission and his love for America. I loved it when he gave that famous address as he announced that he would retire from the Senate. He said, with no disrespect to the Congress, that his life had not been about the Congress. He said, "My life has been about America." Gratefully, it still is. So I join

those in wishing him a safe journey and Godspeed.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask that the time be charged equally. Senator EXON will be right along. He is going to speak next.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997—CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I yield myself such time as I may need off of our 5 hours. I believe it is the first time charged to us. We are now proceeding as I understand it with debate on the conference report on the budget.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, we are on the final leg of this Republican budget's journey, and it is a fruitless one. It does not lead our Nation to any new horizons. It blazes no new paths. It offers no compromise to break the budget deadlock. This Republican budget makes a beeline, it pains me to say, to another dead end.

Dead ends are becoming an all-too-familiar haunt for my Republican colleagues if they want to move ahead to something that is workable. Thanks to their intransigence and their extremist budget, that is where we spent most of last year. And it looks as though we will waste another session of Congress trying to back out of yet another dead end.

The majority has held the Senate hostage for almost 2 years with basically the same budget. Perhaps they are hoping that the Stockholm syndrome will set in and Democrats will start identifying with their captors. They are wrong. Our will and our vision are strong.

The chairman of the Senate Budget Committee did his best to repair the damage from last year's budget debacle. I compliment him for the fine job he did. In the hopes of attracting some unsuspecting buyers, the 1997 Republican budget has been spruced up in places. But if this budget were a house, it would still be condemned as unfit. It is still out of touch with mainstream America and I suggest that it should be rejected.

All of the efforts of the Republican majority to portray their budget as a moderate one are in vain. The Republican majority have done a superb job to airbrush their budget, but the American people can see the real thing—warts and all.

It retains the same unflattering profile as its predecessor: unnecessary reductions in Medicare and Medicaid