

The slice is in here. We have IOU's in the Social Security. We are going to buy it. It is in operating. We buy it, pay it off. So Social Security is sound. I do not understand why it takes a brain surgeon to understand how you operate a budget the away the States do.

And so, Mr. President, I would hope that we would reconsider between now and 3 o'clock this afternoon that this is an opportunity to pass a balanced budget amendment that will work and will give us a financially sound future, not only for ourselves but for our children and our grandchildren.

I hear my distinguished friend say he is going to do it for his unborn grandchildren. I have five. The Senator is no "Lone Ranger". I am just as worried about my grandchildren as he is. And I think I have a pretty good idea I have had to work under it. I had to operate it. I understand how it works. There are few in this Chamber who do. You will find that most of those will vote for this amendment because it works.

Do it like the Governors do; pass the Reid amendment. Do it like you do at home and operate your own budget; pass the Reid amendment. It is just that simple, Mr. President.

I do not know how much time I have remaining, but I will reserve it.

SENATOR INHOFE: QUOTATION OF MARCH 1, 1994
STATEMENT OF SENATOR FORD, JUNE 7, 1996

So when the Senator from Kentucky came in—I had not quoted him, but I will now. He said this back on March 1, 1994. He said, "I support the efforts of my friend and colleague from Illinois"—talking about Senator SIMON, who is a very courageous guy, and one I complimented probably more than I have ever complimented anyone else on the floor yesterday. Senator FORD said, "I support the efforts of my friend and colleague from Illinois to take on this persistent fiscal dishonesty. I hear so much about if 40-some-odd Governors can operate a balanced budget, why can't the Federal Government? I operated under it"—this is Senator FORD, who was a Governor of Kentucky—"and it worked. I think implementation of this amendment will work. I think we can make it work. I do not understand why it takes a brain surgeon to understand how you operate a budget the way the States do. This is an opportunity to pass a balanced budget amendment that will work and will give us a financially sound future, not only for ourselves but for our children and our grandchildren."

Mr. FORD. Lastly, Madam President, let me just note that every provision of the Constitution is subject to interpretation. I am sure that the Senator from Oklahoma does not agree with every Supreme Court decision interpreting the words of the Constitution—even though it may involve different interpretations of the same language.

In 1994, the distinguished Senator from Illinois, Senator SIMON, gave specific assurances that he would work in support of, and even cosponsor, implementing legislation to require Congress to balance the budget without counting the annual Social Security surplus. He even submitted a memorandum from the Congressional Research Service with the opinion that it would be legal and appropriate for Congress to pass such legislation. This memorandum is reprinted in the March 1, 1994, CONGRESSIONAL RECORD along with the debate

By contrast, in 1995 we saw proposals from leading proponents of the bal-

anced budget amendment spelling out how much of the Social Security surplus they would count year by year.

As I stated last year and again last week, this was an enormous shift in the interpretation of the resolution and a major factor in my decision to not support the balanced budget amendment without further assurances about Social Security.

It is my hope that debate on the Senate floor in the future will be conducted at a level which respects the opinions of fellow Senators on all issues. It is the least that our constituents expect of us.

FATHER BILL KENNY

Mr. REID. Madam President, one of the pleasures of working with this body is the opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions that individuals have made in our respective States and in our country. I rise today to recognize such a person, Father Bill Kenny of Las Vegas.

Frequently, people are recognized for an heroic action on a specific occasion, or for a moment of self-sacrifice that may have saved the lives of people who were put in harms way. Father Kenny's achievement is different; he is a man who has devoted his entire life to helping others, and on a continual, daily basis, he gives his energy, his time, and his spirit to his community, to his parishioners, and to his church. On June 19, Father Kenny will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordainment as a Catholic Priest, and I am delighted to take this occasion to congratulate him on a lifetime of self-sacrifice.

Father Bill Kenny is truly an example of the American dream in action. Bill came to Las Vegas as a young boy and attended St. Joseph's Catholic School and Bishop Gorman High School. As a young altar boy, Bill often thought about becoming a priest. Inspired by his uncle John, a priest who also served in Las Vegas, Bill entered the seminary and afterwards completed his studies at the theological college of the Catholic University of America on a 3-year scholarship. He earned his B.A. in 1966 and his M.A. a year later, after which he was assigned for one year to the North American College in Rome, a residence for American students who study at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He resumed his studies at the theological college, and in 1971, he returned to Las Vegas for his ordination.

He was first assigned to serve as associate pastor at St. Annes and then, in 1976, at Our Lady of Las Vegas. The diocese intuitively knew that, in Father Kenny, they had a man of extraordinary talent and, in October of 1978, Father Bill was asked to start a new parish in a growing section of the city; he became the founding pastor of Christ the King Catholic Community, a parish that, under his tutelage, has grown to over 5,000 members.

I have had the good fortune to attend services at Father Kenny's church and

to witness, first hand, the care and compassion he has engendered within his parish. I participated in one of the most moving ceremonies of my career when Father Bill invited me to take part in the opening of the national AIDS Quilt exhibit which he generously housed in the church's parish hall. We read the names of those whose lives were represented in the squares of the quilt, and I know there wasn't a dry eye in the crowd.

This is just one example of the compassion that Father Bill demonstrates on a continual basis; I know that there are at least 5,000 more stories that reflect the influence that he has had on someone's life. I am glad that Father Bill chose to come back to his home in Las Vegas to fulfill his mission with the Catholic church, I am proud to have him as my friend, and I congratulate him for his 25 years of exemplary service to the people of Nevada. We are all better because of him.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Madam President, at the close of business yesterday Monday, June 11, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,134,653,489,857.86.

On a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$19,372.70 as his or her share of that debt.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:29 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3268. An act to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 848. An act to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for assistance for highway relocation regarding the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia.

H.R. 3029. An act to designate the United States courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse."

H.R. 3060. An act to implement the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty.

H.R. 3186. An act to designate the Federal building located at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, Missouri, as the "Sammy L. David Federal Building."

H.R. 3364. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse at 235 North Washington Avenue in Scranton, Pennsylvania, as the "William J. Nealon Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 3400. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be

constructed at a site on 18th Street between Dodge and Douglas Streets in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Roman L. Hruska Federal building and United States Courthouse."

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate of the bill (H.R. 3103) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, to simplify the administration of health insurance, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. ARCHER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. HYDE, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. STARK, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. BONIOR as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 153. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

H. Con. Res. 172. Concurrent resolution authorizing the 1996 Summer Olympic Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 848. An act to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for assistance for highway relocation regarding the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3029. An act to designate the United States courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3186. An act to designate the Federal building located at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, Missouri, as the "Sammy L. Davis Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3364. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse at 235 North Washington Avenue in Scranton, Pennsylvania, as the "William J. Nealon Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3400. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at a site on 18th Street between Dodge and Douglas Streets in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Roman L. Kruska Federal building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3268. An act to amend the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, to reauthorize and make improvements to that act, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2982. A communication from the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, notice of an intention relative to the Corps of Engineers project at Applegate Lake, Oregon; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2983. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "The Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order," received on June 4, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2984. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Papayas Grown in Hawaii," received on May 31, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2985. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "The Tobacco Inspection"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2986. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on retail fees and services of depository institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2987. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on direct spending or receipts legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2988. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area," received on June 4, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2989. A communication from the Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Striped Bass Fishery," (RIN0648-AH57) received on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2990. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to FM broadcast stations, received on June 5, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and

were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-575. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

"SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49

"Whereas, the Hawaiian islands are among the most environmentally sensitive areas in the world, containing unique and extremely fragile ecosystems; and

"Whereas, the State's 150 recognized ecosystems are home to more than one-third of the 526 plant species and 88 bird species on the United States endangered and threatened species list; and

"Whereas, conservationists call Hawaii the 'Endangered Species Capital of the World,' as three-fourths of the nation's extinct plant and bird species once lived only on our islands; and

"Whereas, alien pest species are considered the single greatest threat to the survival of our native Hawaiian plant and bird species; and

"Whereas, the island of Guam is now devoid of any and all avian life due to the devastation of a well-known alien pest, the brown tree snake; and

"Whereas, 19 new insect species found their way into the environment in 1994, even though the State Department of Agriculture inspected 13 million agricultural parcels entering the State and intercepted 131 alien insects and 183 illegal animals; and

"Whereas, on average, 20 new insect species arrive in Hawaii each year, of which ten become pests; and

"Whereas, federal quarantine law gives the United States Department of Agriculture the legal authority to inspect baggage and passengers bound for the mainland from Hawaii in order to protect the mainland's environment, but does not grant the same authority to inspect baggage and passengers bound for Hawaii from the mainland to protect Hawaii's environment; and

"Whereas, Governor Benjamin J. Cayetano established the 'Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species' (CGAPS), a group comprised of representatives from the State Department of Agriculture, State Department of Transportation, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Visitors Bureau, Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, National Park Service, United States Department of Agriculture, United States Customs Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Navy, United States Postal Inspection Service, and United States Postal Service; and

"Whereas, the Governor's Agriculture Coordinating Committee provided funding for CGAPS efforts to focus public attention on the need to prevent new alien pest species from entering the State and to control pests which are already established; and

"Whereas, as a result of information obtained through CGAPS efforts, state departments may be proposing specific programs aimed at accelerating the eradication of established pest species and improving mechanisms to prevent the introduction of alien pest species; and

"Whereas, state budget concerns will have a serious impact on the agencies which contribute to these prevention and control efforts; and

"Whereas, the costs of these efforts pale in comparison to the price we would pay in terms of losses to industries such as tourism and agriculture which depend on environmental quality, if our environment is not preserved and protected; and

"Whereas, in recognition of the long-term cost benefits of immediate action, funding for the implementation of those programs may be included in the budgets of those state departments; and