

I was stirred by this, and I hope other Americans were, that this is going to be a citizen Government helping our kids, giving them activity, giving them a framework, giving them discipline, helping them see mentors that are somebody other than someone selling drugs and leading a bleak future.

So I appreciate the indulgence of my colleagues, but it was stirring, and I really believe that if we can use that summit and the bipartisanship that existed there and throw these politics out the window a bit, we will be a more perfect Union.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I certainly am proud of my hometown of New Britain, CT. Last Saturday we had Christmas in April and I and many, many other people from the town turned out.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman might want to explain Christmas in April. People of all walks of life, some brought their children, and we painted and repaired inside and out.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Christmas in April, it is a way the community gives the gift of Christmas to families who need help.

I had the privilege of working at the home of an elderly couple who for decades have helped lead and care for veterans of this Nation's wars. They have done so much for others, and it was so nice to be a part of a team of 19 or 20 that painted rooms inside and painted things outside, that cleaned up the yard, that replaced a ceiling. I mean it was just wonderful. It was a gift to people who have given all of their lives and who now in their elder years need some help with that kind of work.

And in New Britain, Connecticut, volunteers painted, repaired and upgraded the homes of 40 families. Some of them elderly, some of them single parents with young children, some of them just people who for one reason or another needed help with those kinds of chores, and some brought their children, just so their children could see that working together we are a powerful force, we Americans, and Government can never replace that energy, that faith, that love, that hope.

I am proud to be a part of a Government that understands that people are the power and is working to assure that Government partners those powerful people and shares with them their vision of hope, opportunity, and justice for all. That is I think what we are talking about and why we have been so concerned with Medicare, preserving Medicare, strengthening Medicare, protecting Medicare for our seniors, but also fixing it so it better serves not only our seniors but their kids as they retire and our grandchildren when they retire.

It is very nice to be with you gentlemen tonight. I am sorry that I have to excuse myself because I have some calls that I have to make.

Mr. KINGSTON. We thank the gentlewoman for joining us, and we thank the gentlewoman on behalf of all Amer-

icans, particularly seniors, for all that you are doing to help protect and preserve Medicare.

Mr. SHAYS, if the gentleman is going to stay, I wanted to touch base a little bit on some of these tax issues.

Mr. SHAYS. I would love that.

Mr. KINGSTON. Let me ask you this: We have been talking about balancing the budget. Is it consistent or inconsistent to talk about cutting taxes and balancing the budget?

Mr. SHAYS. Oh, it is definitely consistent.

Mr. KINGSTON. Consistent with a "C".

Mr. SHAYS. And important, for a variety of reasons. First off, we need to recognize that when you increase some taxes you actually get less revenue because in a dynamic model people respond. They say taxes are higher and they find ways to avoid paying them by doing other things. If you have a luxury tax on boats, they simply decide not to buy boats, as we found in our 1990 budget agreement when we increased the tax on boats and people stopped buying them.

So you have a dynamic model. Sometimes with lower taxes you get more revenue. We would find that to be true specifically with the capital gains exemption.

Imagine a farmer out West whose neighbor wants to sell land and they want to buy the land, but the neighbor does not sell, and why does the neighbor not sell? Because they would realize such a large capital gain, they do not want to pay 28 percent of that gain to the Government. It might be what is their retirement, it might be what pays for their child's college tuition, and so they simply do not sell.

What you have is, you do not have a transaction taking place, whereas if we lowered the capital gains you would find, in fact, that there would be greater transactions and more revenue. So one of the things that we hope happens is that there is, in fact, a capital gains exemption.

We also hope that there would be a reduction in the tax that people pay on inheritance so that they do not have to sell the farm or sell the business.

So we believe that it is consistent, and I would also say to the gentleman that we would pay for our tax cuts. So if you want a smaller Government, as I do and as the gentleman does, you make the Government smaller and you return the money back to the people to spend as they want and create economic activity which also brings in more revenue.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I think the gentleman has answered that very eloquently. The bottom line is, we American people can spend our money better than bureaucrats in Washington can. Let American people keep more of their own savings. They will create jobs, more people go to work, less people are on public assistance. When less people are on public assistance, again, more people working and paying in,

revenues do go up. I think Presidents Kennedy and Reagan have both proven that and I think we need to prove that again in this session of Congress.

Mr. SHAYS. And I think we will.

Mr. KINGSTON. I thank the gentleman for being with us tonight and for all of his hard work for the folks in Connecticut and all over the country.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. PORTER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. PASCRELL (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for Thursday, May 1, on account of the death of a friend.

#### 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. GREEN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JEFFERSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WEYGAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. NEUMANN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEKAS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

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

Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

Mr. MCGOVERN.

Mr. PAYNE.

Mr. LAFALCE.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. MILLER of California.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Mr. PASCRELL.

Mr. SCOTT.

Mr. KUCINICH.

Mr. BORSKI.

Mr. CAPPES.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. BERRY.

Mr. SHERMAN.

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

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

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

Mr. RAMSTAD.

Mr. WELLER.

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

Mrs. MORELLA in two instances.  
 Ms. KAPTUR.  
 Mr. STARK.  
 Mr. CAPPS.  
 Mr. FILNER.  
 Mr. MCCOLLUM.  
 Mr. TOWNS.  
 Ms. WOOLSEY.  
 Mr. PORTMAN.  
 Mr. HASTINGS.  
 Mr. THOMPSON.  
 Mr. PORTER.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 1, 1997, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3040. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revision of New Source Performance Standards for the Phosphate Fertilizer Industry: Granular Triple Superphosphate Storage Facilities [FRL-5811-1] (RIN: 2060-AH16) received April 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801 (a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3041. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan for North Dakota; Revisions to the Air Pollution Control Rules [ND8-1-7233a & ND-001-0001a; FRL-5812-3] received April 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801 (a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3042. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—OMB Approval Number Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives; Gasoline Deposit Control Additive Regulation [FRL-5811-6] received April 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801 (a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3043. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule—Privately Offered Investment Companies, Rule 2a51-1 [Release No. IC-22597, International Release No. 1071, File No. S7-30-95] (RIN: 3235-AH09) received April 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3044. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule—Privately Offered Investment Companies, Rule 2a51-2 [Release No. IC-22597, International Series Release No. 1071, File No. S7-30-96] (RIN: 3235-AH09) received April 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3045. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, trans-

mitting the Commission's final rule—Privately Offered Investment Companies, Rule 2a51-3 [Release No. IC-22597, International Release No. 1071, File No. S7-30-95] (RIN: 3235-AH09) received April 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3046. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule—Privately Offered Investment Companies, Rule 3c-1 [Release No. IC-22597, International Release No. 1071, File No. S7-30-95] (RIN: 3235-AH09) received April 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3047. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule—Privately Offered Investment Companies, Rule 3c-5 [Release No. IC-22597, International Release No. 1071, File No. S7-30-95] (RIN: 3235-AH09) received April 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3048. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule—Privately Offered Investment Companies, Rule 3c-6 [Release No. IC-22597, International Release No. 1071, File No. S7-30-95] (RIN: 3235-AH09) received April 3, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3049. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC-44-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2276(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3050. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's annual report on international terrorism entitled "Patterns of Global Terrorism: 1996," pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2656f; to the Committee on International Relations.

3051. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Financial Assistance for Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessments to Encourage Research Projects for Improvement in the Stock Conditions of the Chesapeake Bay Fisheries [Docket No. 9703221061-7061-01; I.D. 042297B] (RIN: 0648-ZA28) received April 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3052. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Compensation for Certain Undiagnosed Illnesses [38 CFR Part 3] (RIN: 2900-A177) received April 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### REPORT 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. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 136. Resolution providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 129) providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the 105th Congress (Rept. 105-84). 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. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. FARR of California, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. STARK, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota):

H.R. 1487. A bill to provide off-budget treatment for one-half of the receipts and disbursements of the land and water conservation fund, and to provide that the amount appropriated from the fund for a fiscal year for Federal purposes may not exceed the amount appropriated for that fiscal year for financial assistance to the States for State purposes; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, 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. CASTLE (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. LEACH, and Mr. GONZALEZ) (all by request):

H.R. 1488. A bill to authorize U.S. participation in various international financial institutions; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. CONDIT (for himself, Mr. FAZIO of California, and Mr. HERGER):

H.R. 1489. A bill to establish permanent authority for the provision of assistance to small orchardists to replace or rehabilitate trees and vineyards damaged by damaging weather and related conditions and to appropriate funds to provide such assistance; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. COOKSEY:

H.R. 1490. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the capital gains tax on individuals and to index the basis of assets of individuals for purposes of determining gains and losses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. BERRY, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. FURSE, Mr. GREEN, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. STUPAK, and Mr. TOWNS):

H.R. 1491. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage States to expand health coverage of low income children and pregnant women and to provide funds to promote outreach efforts to enroll eligible children under health insurance programs; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. GALLEGLY (for himself, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HORN, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. STEARNS, and Mr. TRAFICANT):

H.R. 1492. A bill to amend rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure regarding representations made to courts by or on behalf of, and court sanctions applicable with respect to, prisoners; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GALLEGLY (for himself, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. COX of California, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. KIM, and Mr. BILBRAY):

H.R. 1493. A bill to require the Attorney General to establish a program in local prisons to identify, prior to arraignment, criminal aliens and aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States, and for other