

favor of, whether we are Democrats or Republican.

Second is to make sure that the priority spending on health care for kids, on education, on environment, on some of the other areas that the Democrats have outlined as part of their Families First agenda, that these priorities are where the spending or where the dollars go under this budget agreement.

Last, but certainly not least, is that the tax credits or the tax cuts, if you will, are primarily targeted, again, towards the needs of the average American. There is proposed a child tax credit to make it easier for families to raise their kids; tax cuts, again targeted to higher education, to make college more affordable. The President has talked about not only expanding the Pell grant, but also providing a certain amount of deductibility, that parents would be able to deduct for college tuition they pay for their children.

There is also a HOPE scholarship program for the first 2 years of college if you maintain a B average; that you would have, I believe, \$1,500 a year made available as a scholarship to pay for your tuition or education expenses.

There were also provisions that the President has talked about to establish additional empowerment zones and enterprise communities. But again, the issue here is whether or not this budget agreement, not necessarily the resolution that we deal with next week, but even beyond that, the so-called budget reconciliation bill, where the actual taxes and the cuts and credits will be struck, and where, in the appropriation bills, where the actual spending will be indicated, these need to reflect the Democratic Families First priorities. They need to have tax cuts that will help the average person and not just the wealthier elements in our society.

My point tonight, and this is a point that I and others I am sure will be making over the next few weeks or next few months as we delve into the budget in its various aspects, is that a balanced budget agreement that does not reflect the priorities of the average American, does not provide tax cuts that help the average working family, really is of no value.

That is what we want to see as Democrats. We want to see the budget balanced, we want to see the priorities that are important for the average American, and we want to see tax cuts and tax credits that will help the average American as we move forward and we prioritize our spending needs in this Congress.

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAUR, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. UPTON, for 5 minutes each day on today and May 16.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, for 5 minutes each day on today and May 16.

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes each day on today and May 16.

Mr. SHAYS, for 5 minutes on May 16.

Mr. PAPPAS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FORBES, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes on May 16.

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes each day on today and May 16.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

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

Mr. CLYBURN.

Mr. BROWN of California.

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

Mr. CALVERT.

Mr. COSTELLO.

Mr. GILLMOR.

Mr. BISHOP.

Ms. GRANGER.

Mr. MCINTYRE.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. ENGEL.

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

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. HYDE.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

Mr. ROHRABACHER.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

Mr. PITTS.

Mr. BILIRAKIS.

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. EHRLICH.

Mr. POMBO.

Mr. BOEHLERT.

Mr. MICA.

Mr. GILMAN.

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

Mr. NADLER.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. LEVIN.

Mr. WEXLER.

Mr. VISCLOSKY.

Ms. BROWN of Florida.

Mr. STOKES.

Mr. POSHARD.

Mr. HALL of Ohio.

Mr. BORSKI.

Mrs. LOWEY.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

Ms. PELOSI.

Ms. DELAUR.

Mr. POMEROY.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

Mr. GEJDENSON.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. BARCIA.

Ms. HARMAN.

Mr. ACKERMAN.

Mr. WAXMAN.

Mr. KUCINICH.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 670. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, May 16, 1997, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3324. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Emamectin Benzoate; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300490; FRL-5718-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received May 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3325. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Carbon Disulfide; Pesticide Tolerances [OPP-300487; FRL-5716-8] received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3326. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propamocarb Hydrochloride; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300489; FRL-5717-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3327. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cyperalid; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300491; FRL-5718-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3328. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pyridaben; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300492; FRL-5718-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3329. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's "Major" final rule—Control of Air Pollution from New Motor Vehicles and New Motor Vehicle Engines: Voluntary Standards for Light-Duty Vehicles [AMS-FRL-5823-7] (RIN: 2060-AF75) received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3330. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Virginia; Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program [VA 056-5023; FRL-5826-2] received May 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3331. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans and Redesignation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes: State of Washington and Oregon [WA 63-7138; WA58-7133; OR57-7272; FRL-5824-1] received May 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3332. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Alaska; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program [AK-12-7100; FRL-5826-8] received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3333. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Testing Consent Order for Phenol [OPPTS-42150C; FRL-5712-3] (RIN: 2070-AB94) received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3334. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Utah: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [FRL-5826-4] received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3335. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Phase I Finding of Failure to Submit Required State Implementation Plans for the Philadelphia Ozone Nonattainment Area; Pennsylvania [PA 104-4059; FRL-5826-3] received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3336. A letter from the Associate Managing Director—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service [CC Docket No. 96-45] received May 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

REPORTS 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. MCINNIS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 150. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1385) to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment,

training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-98). 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. BUYER (for himself, Mr. EWING, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, and Mr. POSHARD):

H.R. 1619. A bill to provide for farm-related exceptions from hazardous materials transportation requirements; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. RADANOVICH (for himself, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, and Mr. ROHRABACHER):

H.R. 1620. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the special taxes on wholesale and retail dealers in liquor and beer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BONO:

H.R. 1621. A bill to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DREIER (for himself and Mr. DUNCAN):

H.R. 1622. A bill to provide for an annual report to Congress concerning diplomatic immunity; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, and Mr. WATKINS):

H.R. 1623. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the rate of tax on certain fuels derived from natural gas shall be based on the Btu equivalence with a gallon of gasoline, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. SABO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COYNE, Mr. FROST, Mr. OLVER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. KLINK, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. RUSH, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. TORRES, Ms. CARSON, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN of California, and Mr. LIPINSKI):

H.R. 1624. A bill to provide for the debarment or suspension from Federal procurement and nonprocurement activities of persons that violate certain labor and safety laws; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. FAWELL (for himself, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. BOEHNER, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. PAXON, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mrs. FOWLER, Mrs. MYRICK, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. HAYWORTH, and Mr. SKEEN):

H.R. 1625. A bill to ensure that workers have sufficient information about their rights regarding the payment of dues or fees to labor organizations and the uses of em-

ployee dues and fees by labor organizations; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. HARMAN (for herself and Mr. DIXON):

H.R. 1626. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the licensing of certain unused channels for public safety uses; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. CAMP, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Mr. McCRERY):

H.R. 1627. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for higher education; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. COYNE, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. OLVER, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. STARK, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. DELAURO):

H.R. 1628. A bill to establish a demonstration project to study and provide coverage of routine patient care costs for Medicare beneficiaries with cancer who are enrolled in an approved clinical trial program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. JONES:

H.R. 1629. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the maximum capital gains tax rate by one-half for taxpayers age 55 and older; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. DICKS, and Mr. JONES):

H.R. 1630. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and report on existing ferry operations and potential ferry routes in the United States, to authorize the Secretary to provide financial assistance for the development of ferry operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MICA:

H.R. 1631. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to make coverage under the health benefits program for Federal employees available to military dependents and military retirees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on National Security, 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. PAYNE:

H.R. 1632. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance programs, to restore such exclusion for graduate level courses, and to allow a deduction for interest on education loans; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PITTS:

H.R. 1633. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable credit for education expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. WOLF):

H.R. 1634. A bill to set forth certain principles that should be adhered to by any United States national conducting an industrial cooperation project in the People's Republic of China or Tibet; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. STOKES (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin,