

afternoon. But in the third year, we are not only on track, but again we are ahead of schedule. I think it is very important.

We just dedicated about 10 minutes here to the future and the National Debt Repayment Act. This is not just a series of empty promises like back in the past with Gramm-Rudman-Hollings, and it is not a series of promises based on the past model of how much more money can we confiscate from the American people. These are discussions being held, based on a 3-year track record that have us not only on track but ahead of schedule from what was promised.

I think it is very, very important as we near the end of our hour here that we go back to the past, we cover the present, and we look to the future again and make sure we remember what that means. I cannot help, as we near the end here, thinking about our families back in Janesville, WI, and thinking about our friends in church with three kids, one headed off to college, and they look at the package that is now on the table, it is not fiction, it is here and now, that they are going to get that \$1,500 help to send that student to college. They get to keep \$1,500 more, instead of sending it out here to Washington. And the two kids they still have in their house back in Janesville, WI, they get \$1,000 for them, \$500 for each one of those kids.

This is not the past, it is the present, and it is happening here and now. We are on track to balancing the budget and reducing the taxes.

The first time I ever saw this really work, I was a little cynical of can we actually reduce taxes and balance the budget. But Tommy Thompson did it out in the great State of Wisconsin. If he can do it out there, this is just kind of a Wisconsin carry-through out here in Washington, DC.

The past is a series of promises that were broken, made by people here in Washington. The past and those broken promises motivated people like us to leave the private sector and come out here and serve in this Government to change it. The past and those broken promises of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings, where they promised to balance the budget and never did it. The past, 1993, the biggest tax increase in history, how much more money can we get out of the pockets of the American people to say that we are making progress towards balancing the budget? That is the past.

The present is our now-working model of controlling the growth of Government spending, because we know when the Government spends less, it leaves more money available in the private sector. More money in the private sector keeps the interest rates down. And this means something in Janesville, WI. This means lower interest rates so people can afford to buy more houses. And when they buy more houses and cars, somebody has to go to work building those houses and cars.

And those people are leaving the welfare roles, getting jobs and paying taxes. And that is this working model that is making this whole thing happen.

That is the present. The present is not the old ways of the past, reaching into the pockets of American people. It is this new model of curtailing the growth of Government spending. This new model has us not only on track of fulfilling our commitments, but ahead of schedule. It has got us providing the tax relief to American families that had been promised 2 years ago. It is here and now and it is the present. It is not an empty set of promises, but it is actually happening now, as we speak.

The future holds an even brighter picture for our children and for future generations of Americans. The future holds us continuing down this path, passing a bill called the National Debt Repayment Act where we generate a surplus and that surplus is used one-third for additional tax reduction and two-thirds to pay down the debt. Under this plan, by the year 2025, this is our future, before I leave the work force, before I retire, good Lord willing, we will have paid off the debt in its entirety so we can pass this Nation on to our children debt free.

That means no interest payments out here to Washington. That means the Social Security system is revived and restored so our seniors can count on getting the money that has been promised. That is what this is all about, and that is my dream for the future of this country.

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, when Thomas Jefferson sent Merriwether Lewis and William Clark off to the great Northwest, he had a great deal of hope for the future of this country. He saw it growing and prospering.

Now, as we stand here in 1997, on the brink of a strong economy, we look forward and we have a great deal of hope, a hope of balancing the Federal Government, of controlling Federal spending, of giving a great deal of hope for the future for our country.

I want to thank the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. NEUMANN] for coming down here and showing us in very clear terms where we came from in the past as far as Federal Government spending, where we are today, and what we are looking for in the future, which I believe is very optimistic. Again, it is a picture of hope, the same type of hope that Thomas Jefferson saw when he looked toward the West back in the early 1800's, and it is the same type of hope, I think, as we look at the new century. We should have hope for a strong economy, of a way of paying off the debt so our children have a strong future, strong economy, with plenty of opportunity and a way that they can see that they can grow.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. CLAYTON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of a death in the family.

Mr. STARK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of illness in the family.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of official business.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of personal reasons.

Mr. BLILEY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of personal reasons.

Mr. GOSS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of attending his daughter's wedding.

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

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KOLBE, for 5 minutes, on June 23.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

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

Mr. SKELTON.

Mr. DOYLE.

Mr. KILDEE.

Mr. KUCINICH.

Mr. DEUTSCH.

Ms. HARMAN.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. WEXLER.

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

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. HILL.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. GINGRICH.

Mr. WOLF.

Mr. MCDADE.

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado.

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

Mr. UPTON.

Mr. GILLMOR.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas.

Mr. HALL of Texas.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mrs. FOWLER.

Ms. DELAURO.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

Mr. CRANE.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the

following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 956. An act to amend the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 to establish a program to support and encourage local communities that first demonstrate a comprehensive, long-term commitment to reduce substance abuse among youth, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Saturday, June 21, 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:

3880. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program (RIN: 0572-AB31) June 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3881. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Streamlining the Rural Utilities Service Water and Waste Program Regulations (RIN: 0572-AB20) received June 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3882. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, Department of Energy, transmitting the annual report on research and technology development activities supporting defense waste management and environmental restoration, pursuant to Public Law 101-189, section 3141(c)(1), (2) (103 Stat. 1680); to the Committee on National Security.

3883. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting drafts of eight proposed items of legislation that address various management concerns of the Department of Defense; to the Committee on National Security.

3884. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the impact of limiting the service area of a facility designated as a Specialized Treatment Services (STS) to not more than 100 miles from the facility; to the Committee on National Security.

3885. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the thirteenth Annual Report on the activities and expenditures of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 10224(c); to the Committee on Commerce.

3886. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Maine; Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [FRL-5845-1] received June 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3887. 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; Designation of Areas; Virginia; Redesignation of Hampton Roads Ozone Non-

attainment Area, Maintenance Plan and Mobile Emissions Budget [VA-066-5024 and VA-068-5024; FRL-5846-7] received June 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3888. 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; Virginia; 15% Rate of Progress Plan for the Northern Virginia Portion of the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Area [VA045-5022; FRL-5846-8] received June 20, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3889. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC-56-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

3890. 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-76-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3891. 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 Saudi Arabia (Transmittal No. DTC-6-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3892. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting the Authority's Resolution disapproving the Council's revised financial plan and budget in D.C. Act 12-94, "Revised D.C. Act 12-76, Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Request Act of 1997," and the Authority's recommended financial plan and budget for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3893. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's final rule—Executive Branch Financial Disclosure, Qualified Trusts, and Certificates of Divestiture (RIN: 3209-AA00) received June 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3894. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1996, through March 1, 1997, and the Secretary's semiannual report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3895. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to reduce the fractionated ownership of Indian lands; to the Committee on Resources.

3896. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Redress Provisions for Persons of Japanese Ancestry: Guidelines Under *Ishida v. United States* [Order No. 2077-97] received June 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3897. A letter from the Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Scope of Rules: National Security; Prevention of Acts of Violence and Terrorism [BOP-1046-F; BOP-1059-F] (RIN: 1120-AA47; RIN: 1120-AA54) received June 19, 1997,

pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3898. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for refugee and entrant assistance for fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3899. A letter from the Director of Publications, The American Council of Learned Societies, transmitting the Council's Annual Report for the year 1995-1996, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(56) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3900. A letter from the the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), the Department of the Army, transmitting a letter from the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, dated September 27, 1996, submitting a report on Cook Inlet, Alaska, together with accompanying papers and illustrations, pursuant to Public Law 104-303, section 101(b)(2) (110 Stat. 3666-3667); (H. Doc. No. 105-99); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

3901. A letter from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of total disability for certain individuals for purpose of nonservice-connected disability pension; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

3902. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Financial Management Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Offset of Tax Refund Payments to Collect Past-due, Legally Enforceable Nontax Debt (RIN: 1510-AA62) received June 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3903. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tax forms and instructions [Rev. Proc. 97-31] received June 18, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3904. A letter from the Director, Office of Administration and Management, Department of Defense, transmitting the annual report of cross-servicing and acquisition actions undertaken pursuant to Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreements with countries that are not part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or its subsidiary bodies, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2349; jointly to the Committees on National Security and International Relations.

3905. A letter from the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, transmitting the Administration's Report on Establishing a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard for Frontal Offset Crash Testing; jointly to the Committees on Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Appropriations.

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. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1278. A bill to authorize appropriations for the activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-66 Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. House Joint Resolution 79. Resolution disapproving the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China; adversely (Rept. 105-