

school. There are a lot of public schools. I lost my beard because of a great public school in my own district, who went on to become the national champions of the science olympiad. Great work. But in L.A., within the L.A. Unified School District, she said, when I was a public school principal, I had to worry about the three B's. You say, Evonne, what are the three B's? She said, I had to worry about busing, budgets, and the butts. And you you say, what are the butts? She said every time I had an innovative idea, I wanted to do something for the kids that was a little bit out of the ordinary, I went to the L.A. Unified School District and said, these are my kids, they have got special needs, I would like to do this; and they would say, yeah, but if we let you do this, everybody will have to do it.

Mr. NEUMANN. If the gentleman would yield, they are going to tell us we are out of time very shortly, and I just want to bring it back because the "yeah, butts" is what has been going on in this city in the past. When you look back at Gramm-Rudman-Hollings and the failures to keep their promises and when you look back at the tax increases of 1993, yeah, but we cannot control Washington spending, it is easier to take the money away from the people.

Until we got a new group and we have been concentrating here in the present and all these good things that are going on, as we talk about change in education, as we talk about welfare reform, and we talk about being in the third year of a 7-year plan to balance the budget, we are on track, ahead of schedule, reducing taxes for the American people.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. I want to thank the gentleman for the time in doing the special order, and I want to reinforce. It is about the numbers. We are still spending over \$1.6 trillion dollars a year.

Now we have got to make sure that the dollars that we are spending, we are getting optimal results for that spending. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. NEUMANN. In wrapping up this evening, I would just like to very briefly focus on the future, because we talked about the past and the failed promises and higher taxes and we talk about the present and how the new group that is here since 1995 is on track and ahead of schedule and taxes coming down.

The future includes us also dealing with the debt that has been run up over the last 15 years. And later this week, we will be introducing a bill called the National Debt Repayment Act. The National Debt Repayment Act would literally pay off the entire Federal debt by the year 2026. It simply says that after the budget is balanced, we cap the growth of Government spending at a rate 1 percent lower than the rate of revenue growth and that will create a surplus. Of this surplus, one-third gets

used for additional tax cuts, two-thirds goes to repay the Federal debt.

What a nice thought it would be to pass this Nation on to our children debt free by the year 2026. Of course, as we repay the Federal debt, we are also putting the money back into the Social Security trust fund. For those who have not followed it, the trust fund collects more money than it pays back out in benefits each year, but the money has been spent on all sorts of other Government programs. And what is in the trust fund today is all part of that \$5.3 trillion debt, it is IOU's.

So if the National Debt Repayment Act, now the future, after the budget is balanced, the next step is starting to pay down the Federal debt so that we can pass this Nation on to our children debt free. What a wonderful, wonderful thought for the future of this country so they do not have to send \$500 a month out to Washington to do nothing but pay interest on the Federal debt.

And at the same time we do that, we put the money back into the Social Security Trust Fund so Social Security is no longer on the verge of bankruptcy and our seniors can rest assured that their Social Security money is safe and secure.

To conclude this evening, I would just again emphasize how much this place has changed in the last 3 years, where we are at today. The budget is virtually balanced. It may be balanced within the next 6 months, maybe the next year, but certainly on the very near term a balanced budget. Medicare is restored. And taxes are coming down for the American people. And I guess that is the best way to wrap this up. It is about the families out there and it is about the impact of lower taxes. It is about a secure future for our children as the debt is repaid and we start doing things that are right for our country, and it is about a secure future for our senior citizens to know that Medicare has been restored and to know that as we pass the National Debt Repayment Act, it also restores Social Security so our seniors can be assured once again that Social Security is safe. And most important of all, future generations of Americans will not be saddled with the burden of our generation, we will have done what is right for the future of this great Nation that we live in.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and on July 16, on account of medical reasons.

Ms. ESHOO (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today before 8:45 p.m., on account of airline equipment problems.

Ms. WOOLSEY, (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today before 8:45 p.m., on account of airline equipment problems.

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

Mr. SEXTON, for 5 minutes each day, today and on July 16 and 17.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes each day, today and July 16.

Mr. HOEKSTRA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TIAHRT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

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

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

Mr. KUCINICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BENTSEN, 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 Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous matter:)

Mr. ETHERIDGE.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. BLUMENAUER.

Ms. STABENOW.

Mr. MCDERMOTT.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. ENGEL.

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

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. BOB SCHAFER of Colorado.

Mr. BONO.

Mr. SHAYS.

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan.

Mr. CLYBURN.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York.

Mr. CONYERS.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 231. An act to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 423. An act to extend the legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 669. An act to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 731. An act to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

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. 2018. An act to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for the Better Health Plan of Amherst, NY.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, July 16, 1997, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4210. A letter from the the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of July 1, 1997, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e); (H. Doc. No. 105-105); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4211. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers [Docket No. 91F-0324] received July 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4212. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

4213. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Remittance of Industrial Funding Fee in U.S. Dollars Under Federal Supply Schedules Program [APD 2800-12A, CHGE 75] (RIN: 3090-AG30) received July 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4214. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Adjustments to the 1997 State Quotas; Commercial Quota Harvested for North Carolina [Docket No. 961210346-7035-02; I.D. 070397G] received July 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4215. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Pa-

cific Halibut Fisheries; Oregon Sport Fishery [Docket No. 961217359-7050-02; I.D. 070397C] received July 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4216. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Exemption of Notice Filing Requirements for Agricultural Cooperative Associations which Conduct Compensated Transportation Operations for Nonmembers (Federal Highway Administration) [FHWA Docket No. MC-96-38 and No. FHWA-97-2280] (RIN: 2125-AE03) received July 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4217. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Compensated Intercompany Hauling (Federal Highway Administration) [FHWA Docket No. MC-96-37 and No. FHWA-97-2286] (RIN: 2125-AE02) received July 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4218. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Federal Tax Deposits by Electronic Funds Transfer [TD 8723] (RIN: 1545-AS79) received July 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 629. A bill to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact (Rept. 105-181). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. LIVINGSTON: Committee on Appropriations. Report on the Revised Subdivision of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1998 (Rept. 105-182). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 699. A bill to guarantee the right of all active duty military personnel, merchant mariners, and their dependents to vote in Federal, State, and local elections (Rept. 105-183 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 185. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2159) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-184). 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. PAUL:

H.R. 2161. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Palmetto Bend Project to the State of Texas; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mrs. CHENOWETH (for herself, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. POMBO, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. DELAY, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. CANNON, Mr. PITTS, Mr. HERGER, and Mr. DICKEY):

H.R. 2162. A bill to prohibit the reintroduction of grizzly bears into the Bitterroot Ecosystem in east central Idaho; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. COBLE (for himself, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. CRANE, Mr. HAYWORTH, and Mr. NORWOOD):

H.R. 2163. A bill to amend section 1951 of title 18, United States Code, commonly called the Hobbs Act, to clarify that the use of violence to achieve collective bargaining objectives can be a violation of such section; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts (for himself and Mr. BURTON of Indiana):

H.R. 2164. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit penalty-free withdrawals from individual retirement accounts for certain adoption expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LEACH:

H.R. 2165. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project No. 3862 in the State of Iowa, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. NUSSLE:

H.R. 2166. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain cash rent farm landlords to deduct soil and water conservation expenditures; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

H.R. 2167. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to improve on the provisions relating to pension rights demonstration projects; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HULSHOF, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. MINGE, Mr. NEY, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. REGULA, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. TIAHRT, and Mr. TRAFICANT):

H.R. 2168. A bill to support research efforts to understand and control diseases of wheat and barley caused by *Fusarium graminearum* and related fungi in order to ensure sustainable production of wheat and barley in north-central United States and the safety of food products containing wheat and barley; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. HOEKSTRA (for himself, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. CAMP, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STUPAK, and Mr. UPTON):

H. Con. Res. 115. Concurrent resolution recognizing Grand Haven, MI, as "Coast Guard City, USA"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. STARK, Mr. DELLUMS, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. WATT of North Carolina):

H. Con. Res. 116. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the treatment by the People's Republic of China of prisoners in Tibet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. FATTAH (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. TIERNEY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, and Mr. RANGEL):

H. Res. 186. Resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to allow