

The past contained broken promises of a balanced budget, and the final straw came in 1993 when they raised the gasoline tax, and they did not spend the money in building roads; when they raised social security taxes. That was the final straw. People finally said, enough. We have had it with the broken promises, we have had it with tax increases. We want Washington to get their house in order and control the growth of Washington spending.

We want a smaller Washington, less involved in our lives. That happened in 1994 when they put a new group in charge. We are now 3 years into a 7-year plan to balance the Federal budget. I am happy to report that in the third year, we will probably reach a balanced budget this year, but certainly 3 or 4 years ahead of schedule. We are not only on track to balancing the budget, keeping our promise, but we are 3 or 4 years ahead of schedule. We are going to reach our first balanced budget this year since 1969, and at the same time we are reaching that balanced budget we are providing the first tax cut in 16 years.

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A tax cut that is heavily weighed toward families and education. \$400 per child under the age of 17; \$1,500 college tuition credit, freshmen and sophomores; \$1,000 college tuition credit for continuing education beyond the freshman or sophomore year. The Roth IRA to save for education, for a first home, or for retirement that when investors take the money out, it is absolutely tax free. The money accumulates tax free, and when they take it out, it is tax free.

Mr. Speaker, these are very, very real tax cuts; not a political promise. The tax cut bill has been signed into law. It is done. It is the law. Taxes are going down for the first time in 16 years. Think of this contrast. Broken promises of a balanced budget before 1995. Higher taxes, 1993. The biggest tax increase in American history. A balanced budget, first time since 1969. Three years into our 7-year plan we hit balance. Tax cut, first time in 16 years.

Mr. Speaker, it is significant. It is real. It is done. What a changed place Washington actually is as we stand here. But we are not done. This is not the end of the picture. This is not over. We still have dreams for the future of this country and where we are going. Our dream is not only to get to a balanced budget, but to pay off that Federal debt. And in paying off the debt, we restore the Social Security Trust Fund. In paying off the debt, we put ourselves in a position to allow us to pass this great Nation on to our children absolutely debt free, a legacy of a debt free Nation for our children.

Equally important, as we are going through that process we gradually reduce the tax burden on our working families and our workers all across America. That is our dream for the fu-

ture of this great Nation that we live in.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today after 7:45 p.m. and the balance of the week, on account of official business.

Mr. MANTON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today after 5:25 p.m., on account of personal reasons.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today after 5:30 p.m., on account of personal reasons.

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

Mr. KUCINICH, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. ALLEN, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. SANDERS, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. McNULTY, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. THUNE, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FARR of California.
 Mr. SHERMAN.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

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

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.
 Mr. BONIOR.
 Mr. LIPINSKI.
 Mr. KUCINICH.
 Mr. KLINK.
 Mr. KIND.
 Mr. LANTOS.
 Mr. WAXMAN.
 Mr. HAMILTON.
 Mr. HILLIARD.
 Mr. McNULTY.
 Mr. LEVIN.
 Mr. ETHERIDGE.
 Mr. MURTHA.
 Mrs. TAUSCHER.
 Mr. ORTIZ.

Mr. ACKERMAN.
 Mrs. MEEK of Florida.
 Mr. TOWNS.
 Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD.
 Mr. PALLONE.
 Mr. SERRANO.
 Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

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

Mr. GILMAN.
 Mr. FORBES.
 Mr. NETHERCUTT.
 Mr. SMITH of Michigan.
 Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.
 Mr. WELLER.
 Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

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

Mr. ROTHMAN.
 Mr. LATOURETTE.
 Mr. MCINTYRE.
 Mr. BLUNT.
 Mr. PACKARD.
 Mrs. KELLY.
 Mr. GREEN.
 Mrs. MALONEY of New York.
 Mr. DEUTSCH.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

S. Con. Res. 37. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that Little League Baseball Incorporated was established to support and develop Little League baseball worldwide and that its international character and activities should be recognized; to the Committee on International Relations.

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. 2013. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 551 Kingstown Road in South Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the "David B. Champagne Post Office Building."

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1277. An act to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify treatment of investment managers under such title.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2013. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 551 Kingstown Road in South Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the "David B. Champagne Post Office Building."

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, October 31, 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:

5685. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting notification that the Navy plans to finalize requirements to transfer the aircraft carrier ex-HORNET (CV 12) to a nonprofit group in Alameda, California, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7306; to the Committee on National Security.

5686. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Affordable Housing Disposition Program covering the period from January 1, 1997 through June 30, 1997, pursuant to Public Law 102-233, section 616 (105 Stat. 1787); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

5687. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Flood Insurance Program: Insurance Coverage and Rates, Criteria for Land Management, Use, Identification, and Mapping of Flood Control Restoration Zones (RIN: 3067-AC17) received October 28, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

5688. A letter from the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the President's Report to Congress on the Modernization of the Authorities of the Defense Production Act, pursuant to Public Law 104-64, section 4; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

5689. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Acquisition Regulation, Classification, Security and Counterintelligence [48 CFR Parts 952 and 970] received October 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5690. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects [Docket No. RM95-16-000; Order No. 596] received October 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5691. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Perimeter Intrusion Alarm Systems [Regulatory Guide 5.44] received October 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5692. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on the accomplishments in the field of family planning during fiscal years 1994 and 1995, pursuant to the Family Planning Services and Population Research Act of 1975, as amended; to the Committee on Commerce.

5693. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting reports prepared in response to various provisions of the National Securities Markets Improvement Act of 1996; to the Committee on Commerce.

5694. 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 Russia, Ukraine, and Norway (Transmittal No. DTC-86-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5695. 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-89-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5696. 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 Russia (Transmittal No. DTC-68-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

5697. A letter from the Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of a report entitled "Audit of ANC 6C Covering the Period October 1, 1993 through December 31, 1996," pursuant to D.C. Code section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5698. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the annual report summarizing actions taken under Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act for the year ending September 30, 1997, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3801-3812; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5699. A letter from the Regulatory Policy Official, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Transfer of Electronic Records to the National Archives (RIN: 3095-AA70) received October 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5700. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, to enforce domestic relations court orders concerning payment of insurance proceeds, to make Additional Optional life insurance portable upon separation from service and allow retired employees to continue such coverage with no reduction after age 65, to improve Family Optional life insurance benefits, and to improve program administration; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5701. A letter from the Executive Director, United States Arctic Research Commission, transmitting a letter in response to the reporting requirements of the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5702. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, transmitting the Office's final rule—Indiana Regulatory Program [SPATS No. IN-134-FOR; State Program Amendment No. 95-12] received October 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5703. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to consent to a compact between the United States and any state, territory, or possession of the

United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to facilitate the exchange of criminal-history records for noncriminal justice purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5704. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Indian Highway Safety Program Competitive Grant Selection Criteria (RIN: 1076-AD82) received October 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5705. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the Annual Report of the Metals Initiative for FY 1996, pursuant to Public Law 100-680, section 8; to the Committee on Science.

5706. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting notification of transfers of authorizations within the Department of Defense, pursuant to Public Law 104-201, section 1001(d) (110 Stat. 2631); jointly to the Committees on National Security and Appropriations.

5707. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the final strategic plan, pursuant to Public Law 103-62; jointly to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and the Judiciary.

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. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1965. A bill to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-358 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 434. A bill to provide for the conveyance of small parcels of land in the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, to the village of El Rito and the town of Jemez Springs, New Mexico; with an amendment (Rept. 105-359). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker.

H.R. 1965. Referral to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than February 27, 1998.

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. BLAGOJEVICH:

H.R. 2773. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3750 North Kedzie Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Daniel J. Doffyn Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. BLAGOJEVICH (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

H.R. 2774. A bill to prohibit the transfer of a handgun by a licensed dealer unless the