

Whereas, Patricia and Jim declared their love in a ceremony before God, family and friends in Bridgeport, Ohio;

Whereas, 2000 will mark 35 years of sharing, loving, working together and raising a family of two children;

Whereas, may Patricia and Jim be blessed with all the happiness and love that two can share and may their love grow with each passing year;

THEREFORE: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the Glovers' on their 35th anniversary. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing this special couple many more years of happiness together.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the concurrent resolution (House Concurrent Resolution 290) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005:

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of a fiscally responsible federal budget.

I have been very consistent in what I believe we should be doing with our federal budget and projected surplus.

First, we need to pay down the \$3.7 trillion national debt. Last year, we paid \$230 billion in interest on the debt—that's almost the size of the Defense budget. Families use times of plenty to pay off debt first—the government should as well. We owe it to our children to get rid of this burden.

We must shore up Social Security and modernize Medicare. Social Security faces a huge challenge with the coming retirement of baby boomers and we must prepare for that now. Providing prescription drug coverage, and increasing payments to Medicare HMO's and hospitals will ensure that central coast seniors have the quality health care they deserve.

We must also make critical investments in education, health care, defense, and veteran's programs. Schools on the central coast are overcrowded, putting an extra burden on our teachers and potentially shortchanging our kids. Millions of Americans lack health insurance and this adds to overall health care costs and human misery. Our troops are stretched too thin and we have neglected our veterans' needs for far too long.

And, of course, we must enact some commonsense tax reform. Fixing the marriage penalty, ending the Social Security earnings limit, lifting the estate tax burden from small businesses and family farms—these are all reforms we can accomplish this year.

To meet these goals I will be supporting the alternative budget presented by Mr. SPRATT. While it does not fully reflect all my goals, it comes closest. And it clearly is superior to the leadership plan.

This mainstream budget puts \$364 billion of the non-Social Security surplus toward paying

down the debt. The leadership bill puts none of the non-Social Security surplus into debt reduction and may even begin spending the Social Security surplus once again. The mainstream proposal will extend Medicare and Social Security solvency by at least 10 and 15 years, respectively. The leadership bill does not provide the necessary safety net for the future generations of seniors.

The budget I support provides for prescription drug coverage for all our seniors. The leadership bill is silent on who is covered. The Spratt proposal puts \$1 billion more into law enforcement than the leadership bill. And this budget allows for responsible increases funding for education, science and medical research and development to insure that we provide our kids with all the opportunities they deserve. The leadership proposal freezes funding for 5 years for all higher education assistance, meaning fewer Pell grants and Head Start slots for our kids. Finally, this mainstream budget provides for critical funding for energy research and conservation programs. The leadership bill, even in these times of high gas prices, actually cuts these budgets.

Simply put, Mr. Chairman, the budget I support allows us to continue on a path of fiscal responsibility, while continuing to meet the future challenges that face our society.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the concurrent resolution (House Concurrent Resolution 290) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels; for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005:

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Chairman, I applaud my colleagues on the House Budget Committee for their hard work in crafting a fiscal year 2001 budget which all Americans can embrace today. Chairman KASICH has shown vision and leadership in guiding the Congress out of the Democrat-led forty year period of budget deficits and into the Republican era of budget surpluses.

I also would like to give credit to Chairman KASICH for his efforts to publish a summary of where the federal government stands now on combating government waste, fraud, abuse and mismanagement. Sadly, this document (Reviving The Reform Agenda) shows how much reform is still needed in agencies and programs throughout the federal government from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to various federal housing programs. As a small businessman, I was appalled to read that the most recent audits (fiscal year 1998) showed six major agencies could not provide financial statements that reliably account for the hundreds of billions of dollars they spent. Put another way, these agencies failed to produce the kinds of financial records that the government requires of every private-sector company

that trades its stock publicly. The Budget Committee majority staff point out that the General Accounting Office (GAO) and the inspectors general (IG) of the various agencies believe taxpayers' hard-earned dollars have been wasted and, as a result, beneficiaries of too many federal programs have been deprived of the funding which Congress intended them to receive.

I believe it is important to point to Reviving The Reform Agenda in defense of Republicans' successful push last year for a 0.38 percent across-the-board cut in the fiscal year 2000 spending bills. And, today, as our colleagues across the aisle criticize the fiscal year 2001 Republican budget which will keep spending to about half the rate of inflation, we need to highlight the fact that government waste, fraud, abuse and mismanagement still exists. Why should we ask our constituents to support the Clinton-Gore administration budget which calls for spending \$1.3 trillion on bigger government over the next decade when we are having a hard time managing effectively current programs and spending levels?

It is important to note that the fiscal year 2001 Republican budget proposal keeps a lid on runaway federal spending while devoting the entire Social Security surplus, totaling \$166 billion in fiscal year 2001, to a lock box to prevent it from being used to finance other government programs. And, it proposes a \$40 billion reserve fund to be used to reform Medicare and provide prescription drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries who need it.

In addition, the Republican budget proposal contains \$150 billion in tax relief over five years, including the elimination of the marriage penalty. It also contains tax relief for small businesses, phases out the estate of "death" tax, establishes tax incentives for educational assistance and tax relief associated with pending health care reform legislation.

Finally, I am pleased to report that the Republican budget increases spending for education, national defense, transportation and veterans programs. In response to many of my constituents' concerns, it also decreases foreign aid expenditures. I believe this budget does it all. I hope my Republican colleagues will continue to spearhead a campaign of reform, beginning with the adoption of the fiscally responsible Republican budget.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 29

9:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold closed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, (to be followed by an open session in SD-192).
SH-219

Judiciary
Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings on the handling of the investigation of Peter Lee.
SD-226

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings on S. 2267, to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish a program to support research and training in methods of detecting the use of performance-enhancing substances by athletes (pending on Senate calendar).
SR-253

Rules and Administration
To hold hearings to examine Presidential primaries and campaign finance.
SR-301

10 a.m.
Finance
To resume hearings to examine the inclusion of a prescription drug benefit in the Medicare program.
SD-215

Budget
Business meeting to continue markup a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2001 budget for the Federal Government.
SD-608

10:30 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings on how to structure government to meet the challenges of the millennium.
SD-342

2 p.m.
Intelligence
To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters.
SH-219

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir, S. 1894, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming, and S. 1969, to provide for improved management of, and increases accountability for, out-fitted activities by which the public gains access to and occupancy and use of Federal land.
SD-366

Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 1967, to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that Band; S. 1507, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments; and S. 1509, to amend the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, to em-

phasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations.
SR-485

MARCH 30

9 a.m.
Appropriations
Treasury and General Government Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for Treasury Law Enforcement Bureaus.
SD-192

9:30 a.m.
Appropriations
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
SD-138

Appropriations
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.
SD-124

Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings on S. 882, to strengthen provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and the Federal Nonnuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 with respect to potential Climate Change; and S. 1776, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to revise the energy policies of the United States in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, advance global climate science, promote technology development, and increase citizen awareness.
SD-366

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the need for nonproliferation policy innovations.
SD-430

Rules and Administration
To hold oversight hearings on the operations of the Architect of the Capitol.
SR-301

10 a.m.
Judiciary
Business meeting to markup H.R. 2260, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia; and S. 1854, to reform the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976.
SD-226

Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings on the nominations of Alan Craig Kessler, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service; and Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.
SD-342

Finance
Business meeting to markup H.R. 6, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty by providing that the income tax rate bracket amounts, and the amount of the standard deduction, for joint returns shall be twice the amounts applicable to unmarried individuals.
SD-215

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings on S. 1361, to amend the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 to provide for an expanded Federal program of hazard mitigation, relief, and insurance against the risk of cata-

strophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.
SR-253

10:30 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment Subcommittee
To hold hearings on the Administration's fiscal year 2001 budget for programs with the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.
SD-406

2 p.m.
Judiciary
Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine racial profiling within law enforcement agencies.
SD-226

Foreign Relations
Meeting to discuss crucial issues before the United Nations.
SD-419

Intelligence
To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters.
SH-219

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings on the President's October 1999 announcement to review approximately 40 million acres of national forest lands for increased protection.
SD-366

MARCH 31

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Energy's findings at the Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Paducah, Kentucky, and plans for cleanup at the site.
SD-366

APRIL 4

9:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Interior Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of the Special Trustee, Department of the Interior.
SD-138

10 a.m.
Appropriations
Transportation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, focusing on the positive notification requirement.
SD-192

APRIL 5

9:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Interior Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of the Interior.
SD-124

Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 612, to provide for periodic Indian needs assessments, to require Federal Indian program evaluations.
SR-485

10 a.m.

Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Army programs.

SD-192

APRIL 6

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on the incinerator component at the proposed Advanced Waste Treatment Facility at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and its potential impact on the adjacent Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

SD-366

APRIL 8

10 a.m.

Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on medical programs.

SD-192

APRIL 11

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations
Interior Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Energy.

SD-138

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings on S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry; S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry; S. 1284, to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from any supplier; S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets; S. 1369, to enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging

and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency; S. 2071, to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system; and S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability.

SH-216

APRIL 12

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Community Development Financial Institutions, and Chemical Safety Board.

SD-138

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on the report of the Academy for Public Administration on Bureau of Indian Affairs management reform.

SR-485

10 a.m.

Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on missile defense programs.

SD-192

APRIL 13

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SD-138

Energy and Natural Resources

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SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 2034, to establish the Canyons of the Ancients National Conservation Area.

SD-366

APRIL 26

10 a.m.

Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

SEPTEMBER 26

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the American Legion.

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CANCELLATIONS

MARCH 29

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

POSTPONEMENTS

MARCH 30

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings on medical records privacy.

SD-430

APRIL 19

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 611, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups.

SR-485