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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2739. An act to amend Public Law 107-10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 68-541, as amended by Public Law 102-246, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, appoints Tom Luce, of Texas, as a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a term of five years.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOSSELLA). The Chair will entertain 10 one-minutes on each side.

CONGRATULATING RYDER SYSTEM, INC., AND GREGORY T. SWINTON ON RECEIPT OF 2002 GREEN CROSS FOR SAFETY AWARD

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Ryder Systems, a leader in supply chain and transportation management, and especially its President and Chief Executive Officer, Gregory T. Swinton. The National Safety Council has selected Ryder and Mr. Swinton to receive the Council's 2002 Green Cross for Safety.

This award is given for exemplary commitment to workplace safety and corporate citizenship. Mr. Swinton is the first supply chain and transportation executive to receive this honor. Since joining Ryder in 1999, Mr. Swinton has identified safety as one of the company's top five goals.

Please join me in congratulating and recognizing the wonderful safety standards that Ryder has achieved, and most especially Gregory T. Swinton for his commitment to recognizing the importance of safety in our workplace.

LOOPHOLES IN GUN SAFETY LAWS MUST BE CLOSED

(Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my deepest sympathy to the families of the Reverend Larry Penzes and Eileen Tosner. Both were fatally shot last week during a 9 a.m. mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Lynbrook, Long Island. My heart is with the parishioners, the clergy and staff of Our Lady of Peace who witnessed this brutal violence.

However, what is equally disturbing is that this could have been prevented. The assailant had a history of mental health problems. However, he was able to purchase a rifle several days before the attack because most States do not provide mental health records to FBI NICS database.

According to the General Accounting Office, for every 75,000 people who attempt to buy a gun, only one was denied through NICS based on the mental health criteria. This is one of the loopholes in our gun safety laws that must be closed.

Gun violence wreaks havoc in our lives in various ways, not the least of which is the loss of safe places in our communities. If we are not safe in our churches, our schools, our trains, where are we going to be safe?

I urge this body to seriously consider the havoc gun violence creates in our society. Better yet, consider its effect on your community. It can happen anywhere.

RECOGNIZING KIM MENESINI, D.A.R.E. EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR FOR NEVADA

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the effort of Ms. Kim Menesini, who was recently named the D.A.R.E. Educator of the Year for Nevada.

As a resident of Nevada for 25 years and as a teacher in Lyon County for over 20 years, Ms. Menesini has remained committed to ensuring that her students not only learn how to read and write and do the basic mathematics, but also how to just say "no" to drugs and alcohol.

Ms. Menesini has been involved with the Nevada D.A.R.E. drug program for more than 10 years, because this program tries to help kids build strength through self-esteem and offers them alternatives to saying "no" to drugs and alcohol.

According to Lyon County Deputy Sheriff Patrick Marble, Ms. Menesini's fifth grade students at Sutro Elementary School in Dayton, Nevada, know that she will support and guide them in a positive and loving way. There are

reasons the students love and respect her.

Congratulations, Ms. Menesini, on your award, and thank you for your dedication to the children of Nevada and for the future of our Nation.

PROPOSED BUDGET OPENS SOCIAL SECURITY LOCKBOX

(Mrs. THURMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about Social Security and the President's budget. As we all know, the budget resolution is going to come to the House today, and I think it is very important that we highlight what the budget will do to Social Security.

Not too long ago, I stood up here with over 400 of my Democratic and Republican colleagues and voted for a lockbox for Social Security. We made a promise to the American people that we would not spend any Social Security dollars on anything but Social Security.

But, Mr. Speaker, that is just what the Republican budget resolution does. It spends \$1.6 trillion of Social Security dollars to fund other things like the tax cuts. That is not my analysis, that is Congressional Budget Office analysis. Instead, we should be doing something to address the impending baby-boomer retirement.

I invite my Republican colleagues to sit down with myself and the rest of the Democrats to develop a sound plan for the future of Social Security and the rest of the budget. We need a plan that preserves Social Security, not one that uses the money to fund other agenda items.

REMEMBERING MARTIN AND GRACIA BURNHAM

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 298th day that Martin and Gracia Burnham have been held captive by Muslim terrorists in the Philippines.

A couple of weeks ago our spirits were raised as we heard of a new video showing Martin and Gracia. Our initial enthusiasm at the confirmation that they are still alive and healthy quickly dissipated as we realized the videotape was much older than claimed. Though the cameraman claims the tape is from mid-January, many signs point to it being shot much earlier, earlier even than the tape released in December.

Martin and Gracia's clothes are in much better condition than in the video shot in November. Martin is not wearing glasses that he received in November and wore on the previous video. Martin's beard is shorter, and the Burnhams are much healthier looking

than in November. So we still await recent pictures and statements from Martin and Gracia.

The tape is noteworthy, however, because for the first time the Abu Sayyaf Group, or the ASG, indicates that it regards itself as part of Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network, something we have long suspected. This admission should give the Philippine government and their military added incentive to quickly track down and capture the ASG. It should also embolden our government to do as much as they can to free our fellow Americans.

As always, I ask you to join me in prayer for Martin and Gracia and their loved ones, so that this nightmare may soon be over.

RAIDING THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

(Ms. KILPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the President's budget and the Republicans' budget.

Some months ago, this House stood almost unanimously and said we would put the Social Security monies in a lockbox. The lockbox is smashed. We are spending Social Security, \$1.6 trillion of it, in this budget resolution that is before us today. In addition, Medicare is being cut billions of dollars.

Our seniors, who have built this country, have no medical insurance. Our health care industry is about to crash. This budget resolution is a sham.

Come on, Republicans, we can do a lot better. Let us take care of America's people and America's seniors.

KEEPING FISCAL DISCIPLINE DURING DIFFICULT TIMES

(Mr. TANCREDO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the work of the chairman of the Committee on the Budget, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUSSLE), and the Republican members of that Committee on the Budget. As we all know, this year has been very challenging as the results of the attacks of September 11 and the downturn in our economy.

Mr. Speaker, we will hear a lot of people talking about this budget today. As always, a great deal of rhetoric will emanate from this House. There is one thing that seems to frighten the members of the Democratic minority here more than anything else.

There are a couple of words that absolutely petrify them, apparently; it is called "balanced budget." They do not know what it is, they had never had one during the time they were in charge of this body, but we are pre-

sending them with one today. It is a scary thing for them, unfortunately.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to note that if we accepted all of the 17 amendments offered in the Committee on the Budget this year by members of the minority, we would increase spending over the next 5 years by \$205 billion and require \$175 billion in additional taxes. That is the old way of doing business. There is a better way. It is called a balanced budget. It is called defending America, and that is what this budget does.

CESAR CHAVEZ, A GREAT AMERICAN HERO

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an historic event in San Diego, the renaming of Crosby Street in Barrio Logan to Caesar E. Chavez Parkway.

Guided by local leaders Councilman Ralph Inzunza, Rachel Ortiz, Luis Natividad, Sam Duran, Carlos and Linda Legerrette, and pushed along by the San Diego Cesar Chavez Commemoration Committee, the Parkway paves the way for the renaissance of Barrio Logan.

Chavez's commitment to fair wages, better working conditions, decent housing and quality education is still alive and well in San Diego. I am proud of my constituents and the efforts of local leaders to honor this humble yet great man.

Cesar Chavez deserves to be honored as a great American hero. His dedication to human rights and justice warrants his birthday being seriously considered a national holiday.

I hope my colleagues will join me in giving Chavez his rightful place in American history.

CELEBRATING 90TH BIRTHDAY OF DOROTHY HEIGHT, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN

(Mrs. JONES of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 90th birthday of Dorothy Height. We will be celebrating this wonderful event tonight. She is the President and CEO of the National Council of Negro Women. She grew up under the tutelage of Mary McCleod Bethune and is a member of my great sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and I am so pleased to stand up.

But, see, Dorothy Height would want me to stand on the floor today and talk about a what? He said a balanced budget? This is not a balanced budget. I cannot believe the man even had the nerve to stand there and say that. Balanced budget on the back of seniors

who need Social Security, and Dorothy Height, a 90-year-old woman, needs Social Security. Balanced on the backs of seniors who need Medicare. Dorothy Height needs Medicare. Balanced on the back of seniors who need housing. Fortunately, Dorothy Height has housing.

Mr. Speaker, give me a break. Balanced budget? I do not even believe he had the nerve to let those words come out of his mouth. We are balancing it on the back of the senior citizens who need it most.

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SEEKING INFORMATION ON WHEREABOUTS OF MIRANDA GADDIS AND ASHLEY POND

(Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I come before the House today to once again alert those who may be watching in Oregon and across the Nation to the disappearance of two young girls from my district. Miranda Gaddis and Ashley Pond, both 13 years of age, students of Gardiner Middle School in Oregon City and teammates on the school dance team, have been reported missing.

Ashley disappeared January 9, and Miranda vanished March 8. Both were last seen by their mothers early in the morning as they left their homes at the Newell Village Creek apartments to catch the bus to school on South Beaver Creek Road.

Investigators continue to hold out hope that the girls will come home. They believe that the girls may have been abducted by a person or persons that they knew.

If Members have any information regarding Ashley and Miranda's whereabouts, I ask them to please contact the FBI office or the Oregon City Police Department at 503-657-4964.

REPUBLICAN "BALANCED BUDGET" WILL RAID SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND AND CUT FUNDS FOR EDUCATION AND SENIOR HEALTH

(Mr. WYNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to sound the alarm, particularly for our baby boomers. This budget breaks into the Social Security trust fund, breaks into the lockbox, and raids the trust fund to the tune of \$1.6 trillion. Members remember the lockbox. It was our solemn promise not to touch Social Security trust fund money. Well, that has been obliterated.

My friends on the Republican side of the aisle would be quick to say, well, you have to understand, the deficit is caused by the war. Not so. Only 10 percent of our deficit is caused by the war.