

than the rate of inflation—while continuing to meet education, health care, and other priorities of this Nation. With this spending restraint and continue pro-growth economic policies, we can cut the deficit in half over the next five years.

Finally, this Budget addresses the needs of a great and compassionate Nation, whose values are strong, and whose institutions of hope are enduring. We are helping communities of faith pull the addicted out of dependency. We are lifting children out of a life of despair by making sure they have mentors, and we will continue to press for improvements in our schools, so that no child is left behind. We are extending hope and healing to millions suffering from the global epidemic of AIDS. We will begin to implement the benefits of our Medicare modernization and reform law, which will bring all our seniors coverage for prescription drugs. And we will make health care more affordable and extend the full benefits of our health care system to more Americans who currently have no health insurance.

Meeting these priorities will require hard work, skill, and the resources of a great Nation. Yet America has always risen to new challenges, and has always set new goals. Challenge and change have revealed the true strengths of this Nation and the enterprise of its people. And as 2004 begins, I am confident those gifts will serve us again, until our work is done.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 2, 2004.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6008. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the Performance-Based Incentive System; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6009. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Labor's Fiscal Year 2003 Annual Report on Performance and Accountability; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6010. A communication from the Director, Office of Exemption Determinations, Employee Benefits Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Class Exemption for the Release of Claims and Extensions of Credit in Connection with Litigation" (RIN1210-ZA03) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6011. A communication from the Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees" (RIN3141-AA16) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-6012. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of machine-readable

passports; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6013. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Implement the 2002 Inter Partes Reexamination and other Technical Amendments to the Patent Statute" (RIN0561-AB57) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6014. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exclusions from Income and Net Worth Computations" (RIN2900-AJ52) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6015. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District" (FRL#7607-5) received on January 20, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6016. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Formaldehyde, polymer with a[bis(1-phenylethyl)phenyl]-w-hydroxypoly(oxy-1,2ethanediyl)-; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL#7340-9) received on January 20, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6017. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copper (ii) Hydroxide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7341-1) received on January 20, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6018. A communication from the Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2003 Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6019. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sulfuryl Fluoride; Pesticide Tolerance [Final Rule]" (FRL#7342-1) received on January 20, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6020. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lactic Acid, n-Butyl Ester, (S) and Lactic Acid, Ethyl Ester, (S); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [Final Rule]" (FRL#7338-4) received on January 20, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6021. A communication from the Secretary, LOCAL Television Loan Guarantee Board, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "7 CFR Part 2200 and 2201, LOCAL Television Loan Guarantee Program" (RIN0572-AB82) received on January 27, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6022. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Add Yucatan Peninsula to the List of Regions Considered Free of Exotic Newcastle Disease" (Doc. No. 02-036-2) received on January 27, 2004; to

the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6023. A communication from the Chair, United States Access Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6024. A communication from the Chair, United States Access Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6025. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Fiscal Year 2003 Inventory of Commercial Activities; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6026. A communication from the Executive Director, Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Managers' Fiscal Integrity Act of 1982 and the Inspector General Act of 1988; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, and Mr. HAGEL)):

S. 2040. A bill to extend the date for the submittal of the final report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, to provide additional funding for the Commission, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. MILLER:

S. 2041. A bill to provide that pay for Members of Congress be reduced following any fiscal year in which there is a Federal deficit; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRAHAM of Florida:

S. 2042. A bill for the relief of Rocco A. Trecosta of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 2043. A bill to designate a Federal building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Ronald Reagan Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2044. A bill for the relief of Alemseghed Mussie Tesfamariam; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2045. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require a voter-verified permanent record or hardcopy under title III of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. GRAHAM of Florida (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2046. A bill to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 2047. A bill to amend the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to include certain

former nuclear weapons program workers in the Special Exposure Cohort under the compensation program established by that Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, and Mr. CHAFEE):

S. Res. 295. A resolution congratulating the New England Patriots on their victory in Super Bowl XXXVIII; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 700

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to provide for the promotion of democracy, human rights, and rule of law in the Republic of Belarus and for the consolidation and strengthening of Belarus sovereignty and independence.

S. 741

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 741, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 874

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 874, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include primary and secondary preventative medical strategies for children and adults with Sickle Cell Disease as medical assistance under the medicaid program, and for other purposes.

S. 894

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

S. 976

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 976, a bill to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

S. 1092

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1092, a bill to authorize the establishment of a national database for purposes of identifying, locating, and

cataloging the many memorials and permanent tributes to America's veterans.

S. 1109

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1109, a bill to provide \$50,000,000,000 in new transportation infrastructure funding through Federal bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation, including roads, rail, transit, aviation, and water, and for other purposes.

S. 1245

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1245, a bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

S. 1298

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1298, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to ensure the humane slaughter of non-ambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1630

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1630, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral services, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1630, *supra*.

S. 1709

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to amend the USA PATRIOT ACT to place reasonable limitations on the use of surveillance and the issuance of search warrants, and for other purposes.

S. 1733

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to States to develop and implement State court interpreter programs.

S. 1784

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1784, a bill to eliminate the safe-harbor exception for certain packaged pseudoephedrine products used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

S. 1786

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator

from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1786, a bill to revise and extend the Community Services Block Grant Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Assets for Independence Act.

S. 1813

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1813, a bill to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, and for other purposes.

S. 1949

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1949, a bill to establish The Return of Talent Program to allow aliens who are legally present in the United States to return temporarily to the country of citizenship of the alien if that country is engaged in post-conflict reconstruction, and for other purposes.

S. 1999

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1999, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as added by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, to provide for negotiation of fair prices for Medicare prescription drugs.

S. RES. 170

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 170, a resolution designating the years 2004 and 2005 as "Years of Foreign Language Study".

S. RES. 292

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 292, a resolution designating the week beginning February 2, 2004, as "National School Counseling Week".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, and Mr. HAGEL)):