

thing, and it is equally as important, we are trying to transform the social and corporate welfare state into an opportunity society.

This is not easy; if it was easy, it would have been done a long time ago. It is not popular, or it would have been done a long time ago. We are determined to balance our Federal budget, but we are doing it, in many cases, by slowing the growth of spending. We are still allowing programs to grow.

The earned income tax credit, which some of my colleagues on the other side accuse us of wanting to cut, we are going to have it grow from \$19.8 billion to \$27.5 billion. The school lunch program we are going to have grow from \$6.3 billion to over \$8 billion. The student loan program is going to grow from \$24.5 billion to \$36 billion, a 50-percent increase in the student loan. Students are going to grow in the next 5 years from 6.7 million students to 8.4 million. It is a growing program. Medicaid is going to grow from \$89.2 billion to \$124.3 billion, and Medicare is going to grow from \$178 billion to \$273 billion. Only in this Chamber and in Washington, when you spend so much more money, do people call it a cut. We are spending more money.

I really appreciate and I really want to thank the Washington Post. It is nice to have a paper that has been pretty hard on us recognizing that the real default is not in this Chamber, it is by the White House, in failing to want to participate in this effort.

When Leon Panetta was a Member of this Chamber, he said, "The only way you are going to control the spending in Congress and our Federal budget is to control the growth of entitlements." We are taking on entitlements. It is not an easy thing to do. No complaints. I am proud of it. I am happy to go to my constituents and explain what we are doing. For instance, with Medicare, we have no copayment increase, no deduction increase. We are allowing the premium to stay at 31.5 percent. The taxpayers will continue to pay 68.5 percent.

We are allowing individuals to stay in their private fee-for-service system that has gone from the 1960's on up, this Blue Cross-Blue Shield program. We are allowing them to stay there, but we are also going to give them a Medi-Plus program. They can get better service if they get into private care. If they leave and get private care and it turns out they do not like it, they have the opportunity every month for the next 24 months to get back into the traditional Medicare program. My point is, I am so proud of what this Republican majority is doing when it comes to dealing with the budget.

Now, would I like the President to weigh in? Yes. I want him to agree to a 7-year balanced budget. But I am not saying he has to agree to our priorities. If he wants to put more money in urban areas, frankly, I hope he does. I would like to join him in that effort. If he thinks that our tax cut should be

slightly different, then I hope he does. I would be happy to assist him in that effort.

The bottom line, Mr. Speaker, is that we are going to get our financial house in order, with or without the President's help, but it would be a lot easier with his help.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. RIGGS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. RIGGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mrs. THURMAN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mrs. THURMAN addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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. FRANK of Massachusetts) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CLYBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. THOMPSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. THURMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. KIM, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LONGLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROYCE, for 5 minutes, on November 17.

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

Mr. SHAYS, 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 Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) and to include extraneous matter:)

Miss COLLINS of Michigan.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. HOYER.

Mrs. MALONEY.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Mr. TRAFICANT.

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

Mr. GEJDENSON.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois.

Mr. SANDERS.

Mr. PALLONE.

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

Mr. DAVIS.

Mr. SHAW.

Mr. FUNDERBURK.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. CRANE.

Mr. FIELDS of Texas.

Mr. SCHAEFER.

Mr. RAMSTAD.

Mr. HORN.

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

Mr. HEINEMAN.

Mr. PAYNE of Virginia.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. CAMP.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, November 17, 1995, at 9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1690. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to the United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96-13), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

1691. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a report stating that on November 13, 1995, the deaths of five Americans were caused by a major explosion which occurred in the parking lot of the headquarters, Office of the Program Management-Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program [OPM-SANG], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761(c)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

1692. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-147, "Safe Streets Anti-Prostitution Temporary Amendment Act of 1995" pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 272. Resolution authorizing a specified correction in the form of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R.

2491) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996, and waiving points of order against the corrected conference report (Rept. 104-348). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 273. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2606) to prohibit the use of funds appropriated to the Department of Defense from being used for the deployment on the ground of United States Armed Forces in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of any peace-keeping operation, or as any implementation force, unless funds for such deployment are specifically appropriated by law (Rept. 104-349). 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. SHAW (for himself and Mr. GILCREST):

H.R. 2646. A bill to amend the sugar price support program in the Agricultural Act of 1949 to provide for additional assessment with respect to raw can sugar produced in the Everglades agricultural area in the State of Florida to finance land acquisition projects for the restoration of the Florida Everglades; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. MILLER of Florida, and Mr. ZIMMER):

H.R. 2647. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate the tax subsidies for large producers of ethanol used as a fuel; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FUNDERBURK:

H.R. 2648. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require that an application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a license, license amendment, or permit for an activity that will result in a withdrawal by a State or political subdivision of a State of water from a lake that is situated in two States shall not be granted unless the Governor of the State in which more than 50 percent of the lake, reservoir, or other body of water is situated certifies that the withdrawal will not have an adverse effect on the environment in or economy of that State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GALLEGLY (for himself and Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 2649. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the mandatory separation age for Federal firefighters be made the same as the age that applies with respect to Federal law enforcement officers; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. HEINEMAN (for himself, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, Mr. CHABOT, and Mr. HOKE):

H.R. 2650. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to eliminate certain sentencing

inequities for drug offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. DEFazio, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. OBEY, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. EVANS, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. FUNDERBURK, Mr. KLING, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. STOKES, Mr. BARR, Mr. WAMP, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 2651. A bill to assess the impact of the NAFTA, to require further negotiation of certain provisions of the NAFTA, and to provide for the withdrawal from the NAFTA unless certain conditions are met; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. STARK, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BROWN of California, Ms. GONZALEZ, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. FROST, Mr. VENTO, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. MORAN, Ms. ESHOO, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. FARR, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MILLER of California, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. KLUG, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. JACOBS, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. OLVER, and Ms. MCKINNEY):

H.R. 2652. A bill to close the U.S. Army School of the Americas and establish a U.S. Academy for Democracy and Civil-Military Relations; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on National Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ROSE:

H.R. 2653. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 and the Agricultural Act of 1949 to improve the operation of the Government flue-cured and burley tobacco programs; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. DEFazio):

H.R. 2654. A bill to prevent discrimination against victims of abuse in all lines of insurance; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SAXTON:

H.R. 2655. A bill to amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act to authorize the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council to prepare a fishery management plan for Atlantic striped bass under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act; to the Committee on Resources.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, private bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

Mr. HALL of Texas introduced a bill (H.R. 2656) for the relief of Norman M. Werner; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 125: Mr. HINCHEY and Mr. BROWDER.

H.R. 359: Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi.

H.R. 497: Mr. CAMP, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. GRAHAM.

H.R. 528: Mr. DICKS, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. WARD, Mr. PETRI, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H.R. 733: Mrs. VUCANOVICH.

H.R. 784: Mr. RIGGS.

H.R. 911: Mr. BLILEY, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. CHRYSLER, and Mr. DICKEY.

H.R. 997: Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky and Mr. MORAN.

H.R. 1000: Mr. KLECZKA.

H.R. 1226: Mr. MCINTOSH and Mr. CHRYSLER.

H.R. 1274: Mr. BROWN of California.

H.R. 1363: Mr. COX.

H.R. 1386: Mr. SHADEGG.

H.R. 1448: Mr. EHLERS and Mr. WOLF.

H.R. 1684: Mr. BALLENGER and Mr. CRAPO.

H.R. 1733: Mr. MINGE.

H.R. 1972: Mr. SAXTON, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. SISISKY, and Mr. FAWELL.

H.R. 2240: Mr. MILLER of California.

H.R. 2281: Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DINGELL, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. DAVIS, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. GUTIERREZ, and Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas.

H.R. 2326: Mr. STOCKMAN.

H.R. 2327: Mr. PETRI.

H.R. 2341: Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.

H.R. 2357: Mr. BEREUTER.

H.R. 2458: Mr. METCALF, Mr. EVANS, Mr. BRYANT of Texas, and Mr. SAXTON.

H.R. 2461: Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 2481: Mr. MARTINI.

H.R. 2548: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. EWING, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, and Mr. SISISKY.

H.R. 2562: Mr. MANTON and Mr. SOLOMON.

H.R. 2566: Mrs. SCHROEDER.

H.R. 2606: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland.

H.R. 2618: Mr. STUDDS.

H.R. 2622: Mr. FROST.

H.J. Res. 117: Ms. DANNER.

H. Con. Res. 5: Mr. BEVILL.

H. Con. Res. 47: Mr. DOYLE.

H. Con. Res. 50: Mr. TORRES.

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H. Res. 264: Mr. DIXON and Mr. BERMAN.