

more than \$1 million, are not in the current version of this bill. But I know that when the tax reconciliation bill comes back from conference, it will have those provisions. We all heard Senate Majority Leader FRIST when he said, and I quote "I will not bring a conference report to the Senate floor that does not include this extension."

So, Mr. President, we have a choice to make: will we invest in priorities like health care, education, transportation and job training that spur economic growth and keep families out of poverty, or will we continue to conduct business as usual and pass tax cuts in a fiscally irresponsible way? Based on the vote 2 weeks ago to cut \$35 billion in critical help for Americans in the most need, it appears that the Republican-controlled Congress has chosen the latter.

I understand the importance of a responsible Federal budget. Our nation's annual deficit is more than \$300 billion. Foreign owned debt has increased by more than 100 percent over the last 5 years, and we will soon be asked to increase the country's debt ceiling by another \$781 billion. At a time when we are facing such tremendous spending pressures and an increasing deficit, I think it would be wise to heed the words of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who said during testimony before the Budget Committee last year:

"If you are going to lower taxes, you should not be borrowing essentially the tax cut. That over the long run is not a stable fiscal situation."

Unfortunately, the tax reconciliation bill before us will increase the deficit and borrow money to do so. The Senate was presented with the option to extend the tax provisions expiring at the end of this year and pass the hurricane tax relief in a fiscally responsible manner. Unfortunately, the sound Democratic alternative we offered failed on a party line vote.

Mr. President, these are very challenging times for our country and our people. Working families don't feel secure about their jobs, their health care, their pensions or their future. Many Americans are making tremendous sacrifices by serving in our military. We need to show that we are on their side. We need to help make America strong again. The way to do that is to invest in our people invest in their education, their job training, and their future. The Republican budget does just the opposite it cuts out those critical investments so that they can reduce taxes for a few at the top. Those are the wrong priorities. I believe America can do better, and America deserves better, and therefore I will vote against this misguided budget.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the winners of

the United States Professor of the Year Award. Since 1981, this prestigious honor has been awarded to professors who show an exceptional dedication to teaching. This year, professors from 40 States, the District of Columbia, and Guam are being honored with this award. Their disciplines are varied; they come from both private and public institutions. But they have one thing in common, and that is dedication to teaching.

These undergraduate professors do more than teach information. They impact their classes by inspiring students to excel. They think up new and inventive ways for their students to learn. They create programs that allow students to learn through working and teaching experience. Sometimes these professors go as far as establishing new departments in their institutions, broadening academic choices for undergraduates. College professors contribute so much to their institutions and surrounding communities, and often these vast contributions go unnoticed by society. I am proud that we are taking time today to honor these inspiring professors:

2005 U.S. PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR, NATIONAL AND STATE WINNERS

Outstanding Baccalaureate Colleges Professor, W.A. Hayden Schilling, Robert Critchfield Professor of English History, The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio.

Outstanding Community Colleges Professor, Katherine R. Rowell, Professor of Sociology, Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio.

Outstanding Doctoral and Research Universities Professor, Buzz Alexander, Professor of English Language and Literature, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Outstanding Master's Universities and Colleges Professor, Carlos G. Gutierrez, Professor of Chemistry, California State University, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.

STATE WINNERS

Alabama: Guy A. Caldwell, Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, University of Alabama.

Arkansas: Scott Roulter, Associate Professor of Political Science, Lyon College.

California: Philip R. Kesten, Associate Professor of Physics, Santa Clara University.

Colorado: Daniel J. Paack, Professor of Electrical Engineering, United States Air Force Academy.

Connecticut: Lawrence F. Roberge, Associate Professor & Chair, Department of Science, Goodwin College.

District of Columbia: Matthew O'Gara, Associate Professorial, Lecturer, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University.

Florida: Ana M. Cruz, Professor of Accounting, Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus.

Georgia: Julie K. Bartley, Associate Professor of Geosciences, University of West Georgia.

Guam: Kyle D. Smith, Professor of Psychology, University of Guam.

Idaho: Rhett Diessner, Professor of Education, Lewis-Clark State College.

Illinois: M. Vali Siadat, Professor & Chair, Department of Mathematics, Richard J. Daley College.

Indiana: John B. Iverson, Professor of Biology, Earlham College.

Iowa: James L. Brimeyer, Instructor of Composition & Literature, Northeast Iowa Community College.

Kansas: Elsie R. Shore, Professor of Psychology, Wichita State University.

Kentucky: Peggy Shaddock Palombi, Associate Professor of Biology, Transylvania University.

Louisiana: Roger White, Associate Professor of Political Science, Loyola University New Orleans.

Maryland: James M. Wallace, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park.

Massachusetts: Walter H. Johnson, Professor & Chair, Department of Physics, Suffolk University.

Michigan: Gary B. Gagnon, Assistant Professor of Marketing, Central Michigan University.

Minnesota: Mark Wallert, Professor of Biology, Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Missouri: Rebecca Kuntz Willits, Assistant Professor, Biomedical Engineering, Saint Louis University.

Montana: Jakki J. Mohr, Professor of Marketing, University of Montana.

Nebraska: Daniel G. Deffenbaugh, Associate Professor of Religion, Hastings College.

Nevada: Paul F. Starrs, Professor of Geography, University of Nevada, Reno.

New Hampshire: Debra S. Picchi, Professor of Anthropology, Franklin Pierce College.

New Jersey: Phyllis Owens, Associate Professor of Computer Graphics, Camden County College.

New Mexico: Elise Pookie Sautter, Professor of Marketing, New Mexico State University.

New York: Jo Beth Mertens, Assistant Professor of Economics, Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

North Carolina: Cindy C. Combs, Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

North Dakota: Jim Coykendall, Associate Professor of Mathematics, North Dakota State University.

Ohio: Nathan W. Klingbeil, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Wright State University.

Oregon: Jerry D. Gray, Professor of Economics, Willamette University.

Pennsylvania: Jerome Zurek, Professor & Chair, Department of English & Communication, Cabrini College.

South Carolina: Norman M. Scarborough, Associate Professor of Information Science, Presbyterian College.

Tennessee: Jette Halladay, Professor of Speech and Theatre, Middle Tennessee State University.

Texas: Susan Edwards, Professor of History, Cy-Fair College.

Utah: Yasmen Simonian, Professor & Chair, Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Weber State University.

Vermont: Sunhee Choi, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Middlebury College.

Virginia: John H. Roper, Professor of History, Emory & Henry College.

Washington: Bruce Palmquist, Associate Professor of Physics & Science Education, Central Washington University.

West Virginia: Carolyn Peluso Atkins, Professor of Speech Pathology & Audiology, West Virginia University.

Wisconsin: Jody M. Roy, Associate Professor & Chair, Department of Communication, Ripon College●

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● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, in the spring of this year, I had the remarkable experience of hosting a recording of a history for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. A distinguished, elderly Idahoan recounted his