

ticipation in the planting of one billion trees per year; a partnership with the States to create state parks and recreation facilities; and projects to improve environmental infrastructure and recreational opportunities on the public lands;

- A record \$5.5 billion (a 26-percent increase over fiscal 1992) for the cleanup of Department of Energy facilities involved in nuclear weapons manufacture;
- \$201 million (almost double the fiscal 1992 level) for U.S.-Mexico border region cleanup, consistent with the Environmental Action Plan I presented to the Congress last year in support of the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement;
- Almost \$1 billion for energy research and development, including over \$350 million for conservation research and development (more than double the fiscal 1989 level) and \$162.4 million (a 47-percent increase over fiscal 1992) for transportation programs such as development of electric automotive batteries and the purchase of 5,000 alternative-fuel vehicles;
- \$812 million (a 35-percent increase over fiscal 1992) for wetlands research, acquisition, restoration, and enhancement, achieving a 175-percent increase over fiscal 1989 levels;
- For the second year in a row, \$340 million for accelerated construction of sewage treatment facilities in six coastal cities that currently have inadequate treatment facilities;
- \$7 million (a 46-percent increase over fiscal 1992) for the designation and management of National Marine Sanctuaries;
- \$229 million (a 22-percent increase over fiscal 1992) for implementation of the 1990 Clean Air Act;
- \$1.75 billion (an 8-percent increase over fiscal 1992) for cleanup of Superfund toxic waste sites; and
- \$1.37 billion (a 24-percent increase over fiscal 1992) for further expansion of the world's largest global climate change research program.

U.S. Department of the Environment: Considering the scope and importance of responsibilities conferred upon the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I announced my support in 1990 for legislative efforts to elevate EPA to Cabinet status. The Congressional leadership has responded with controversial, extraneous amendments and parliamentary delays. This legislation should not be held hostage any longer. Once again, I call on the Congress to elevate EPA to Cabinet status and make it the U.S. Department of the Environment.

A NATIONAL COMMITMENT

There is a growing commitment from all segments of society to improve the environment. A key element of my environmental strategy is encouraging private companies and organizations to work with each other and with govern-

ment to deliver conservation benefits that go far beyond what government acting alone could provide.

In July 1991 I named leaders of business, environmental, recreational, educational, and philanthropic organizations to serve as members of the President's Commission on Environmental Quality (PCEQ). I have challenged this Commission to develop and implement an action agenda to improve the environment through voluntary private sector activities that meet the test of economic efficiency.

I also established a Presidential medal for environment and conservation achievement and had the honor of presenting medals to an outstanding group of Americans last October. This program rewards private initiative in service to the environment in a manner equivalent to long-standing Presidential recognition of excellence in the arts, humanities, sciences, and world affairs.

We have encouraged additional private sector initiatives through such ground-breaking efforts as the "Green Lights" energy efficiency project, the "33-50" toxic emission reduction program, the U.S. Advanced Battery Consortium to support development of electric vehicles, and land management partnerships between conservation groups and the Departments of Defense, Agriculture, and the Interior.

FREEDOM'S FULL MEANING

As more people around the world join the democratic family and reach for their God-given rights and aspirations, we Americans who have led the way for over 200 years will continue to bear a responsibility to give freedom its full meaning, including freedom from want and freedom from an unsafe environment.

The Cold War was a stark test of the global community's faith in these ideals. We passed that test.

The deadlock in negotiations for improved international trade rules is another challenge to the principles that have drawn the world closer together in the last half century. We must not fail that test.

These struggles for national security and economic growth are now joined by environmental concerns such as deforestation and potential climate change, which also have profound long-term implications. The year ahead will test our ability to redefine the relationship between humanity and the environment—and in so doing, to secure a greater peace and prosperity for generations to come. We must not fail that test.

GEORGE BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 24, 1992.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

¶33.19 ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. ROSE, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that

that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 4210. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for increased economic growth and to provide tax relief for families; and

H.J. Res. 272. Joint resolution to proclaim March 20, 1992, as "National Agriculture Day."

And then,

¶33.20 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. GONZALEZ, at 3 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶33.21 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. DINGELL: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 3698. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to services for mental health and substance abuse, including establishing separate block grants to enhance the delivery of such services; with an amendment (Rept. No. 102-464). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MILLER of California: Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. H.R. 2926. A bill to amend the act of May 17, 1954, relating to the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial to authorize increased funding for the East Saint Louis portion of the Memorial, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 102-465). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MILLER of California: Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. H.R. 3011. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the American Discovery Trail for study to determine the feasibility and desirability of its designation as a national trail (Rept. No. 102-466). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MILLER of California: Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. S. 870. An act to authorize inclusion of a tract of land in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, CA; with an amendment (Rept. No. 102-467). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MILLER of California: Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. An act to increase the authorized acreage limit for the Assateague Island National Seashore on the Maryland mainland, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 102-468). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶33.22 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. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. SENSENBRENNER):

H.R. 4542. A bill to prevent and deter auto theft; jointly, to the Committees on the Judiciary and Ways and Means.

By Mr. ATKINS (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

H.R. 4543. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow partners and certain shareholders of subchapter S corporations to exclude from gross income contributions by the partnership or S corporation to