

way for major reforms of how our government works, which are essential to making government more efficient and responsible. Last year, we began implementing its recommendations. With this budget, that effort shifts into high gear.

First, this budget implements the reduction by 100,000 of Federal positions required by my Executive Order of last year. Indeed, because of discretionary spending constraints, our proposals actually exceed that total by 18,000. In addition, planning has begun on the further downsizing that will be required to implement the remaining portion of the 252,000-position personnel reduction recommended by the NPR. With this downsizing, we will bring the number of Federal employees to the lowest level in thirty years.

To reach these goals, we need to be able to offer incentive packages to those whose positions will be eliminated. This is one of our highest legislative priorities, and it requires attention now. These "buy-out" packages will minimize the need for more costly reductions in force, are less disruptive since they are voluntary, and save the government money in the long run.

The time also has come for swift passage of procurement reform, another of our highest priorities. Streamlining procurement is essential to meeting our personnel downsizing targets. And overhaul of the current, wasteful system can give us significant savings, as well as improved performance by government suppliers.

Further, this budget contains many of the specific programmatic savings proposed by the NPR. These savings have been used in large part to help us meet the discretionary spending freeze.

With my executive order last year, we also began the process of reforming one of the basic functions of government—the regulatory process. Regulations are often necessary to improve the health, safety, environment, and well-being of the American people. Our goal is a more open, more fair, and more honest process that produces smart regulation: rules that impose the least burden and provide the most cost-effective solutions possible.

Finally, all of our departments and agencies have begun to reform their basic operations, including their financial and other administrative practices.

The goal of the NPR is to make government work better and cost less—and to make it more convenient and responsive to those it serves. That is not something that can be completed in one year, in four, or even eight. But we have a responsibility to begin, and that we have done.

CONCLUSION

These are the priorities I seek to pursue in the coming year. Last year, we succeeded in breaking the gridlock that had gripped Washington for far too long. In contrast to past budgets, which lacked credibility, we made sure to use cautious estimates, and we shot straight with the American people.

The results are evident.

We said we would bring the deficit down, and we did. We said we would revitalize the economy, and we did. We said that we would help the private sector to create jobs, and we did. We said that we would reduce the size of the bureaucracy, and we did.

Last year, my Administration and the Congress worked side by side to move our country forward. Let us extend that record of achievement in 1994.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 7, 1994.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 103-179).

¶6.6 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT— IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SKELTON, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report one revised deferral of budget authority, totaling \$1.6 billion, three revised rescission proposals, and 27 new proposed rescissions of budget authority. The total of the rescission proposals included in this special message is \$1.6 billion. When combined with rescissions that went to the Congress on November 1, 1993, there are \$3.2 billion in rescissions pending before the Congress.

The details of the revised deferral, which affects International Security Assistance, are contained in the attached report. The proposed rescissions affect International Security Assistance Programs; the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Housing and Urban Development, State, Transportation, and the Treasury; the General Services Administration; the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; the Board for International Broadcasting; the National Science Foundation; and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 7, 1994.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 103-205).

And then,

¶6.7 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. GONZALEZ, pursuant to the special order agreed to on February 3, 1994, at 12 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 1994.

¶6.8 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. MACHTLEY (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ANDREWS of Maine, Mr. BLUTE, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. OLVER, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. STUDDS, Mr. SWETT, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. ZELIFF, Mr. GALLO, Mr. KLUG, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. QUINN, Mr. WHEAT, Mr. APPELEGATE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. RIDGE, Mr. WYNN, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. KLINK, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. DINGELL, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. WALSH, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. ROTH, Mr. MCCLOSKEY, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. SAXTON, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. EVANS, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. MANTON, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Ms. DANNER, Mr. HOCHBRUECKNER, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. LOWEY, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. VOLKMER, Mr. KLEIN, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. OWENS, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BOEHLERT, and Mr. ROBERTS):

H. Con. Res. 202. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that all appropriations made for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 1995 should be expended, and that expenditures for such program for fiscal year 1996 should ensure the provision of services at or above the same level; jointly, to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Education and Labor.

By Mr. DELLUMS:

H. Res. 347. Resolution providing amounts from the contingent fund of the House for expenses of investigations and studies by the Committee of Armed Services in the 2d session of the 103d Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. HAMILTON:

H. Res. 348. Resolution providing amounts from the contingent fund of the House for expenses of investigations and studies by the Committee of Foreign Affairs in the 2d session of the 103d Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. MILLER of California:

H. Res. 349. Resolution providing amounts from the contingent fund of the House for expenses of investigations and studies by the Committee on Natural Resources in the 2d session of the 103d Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. MINETA:

H. Res. 350. Resolution providing amounts from the contingent fund of the House for expenses of investigations and studies by the Committee on Public Works and Transportation in the 2d session of the 103d Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

¶6.9 MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

283. By the SPEAKER: Memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of American Samoa, relative to a tribute to the late Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives; to the Committee on House Administration.

284. Also, memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of American Samoa, relative to establishing a veteran's hospital-clinic in America Samoa; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.