

Our economic agenda seeks both to promote growth and to bring the fruits of that growth within reach of all Americans. Our overall strategy is straightforward:

—*Balancing the budget.* In the 12 years before I took office, the budget deficit skyrocketed and the national debt quadrupled. My Administration has already cut the budget deficit nearly in half. I am determined to finish the job of putting our fiscal house in order. I have proposed a plan that balances the budget in 7 years, without violating our fundamental values—without undercutting Medicare, Medicaid, education, or the environment and without raising taxes on working families. The plans put forth by my Administration and by the Republicans in the Congress contain enough spending cuts in common to balance the budget and still provide a modest tax cut. I am committed to giving the American people a balanced budget.

—*Preparing workers through education and training.* In the new economy, education is the key to opportunity—and the education obtained as a child in school will no longer last a lifetime. My Administration has put in place the elements of a lifetime-learning system to enable Americans to attend schools with high standards; get help going to college, or from school into the workplace; and receive training and education throughout their careers. We expanded Head Start for preschoolers; enacted Goals 2000, establishing high standards for schools; created a new direct student loan program that makes it easier for young people to borrow and repay college loans; gave 50,000 young people the opportunity to earn college tuition through community service; and enacted the School-to-Work Opportunities Act. Now we must continue to give our people the skills they need, by enacting my proposals to make the first \$10,000 of college tuition tax deductible; to give the top 5 percent of students in each high school a \$1,000 merit scholarship; and to enact the GI Bill for Workers, which would replace the existing worker training system with a flexible voucher that workers could use at community colleges or other training facilities.

—*Increasing economic security.* We must give Americans the security they need to thrive in the new economy. We can do this through health insurance reforms that will give Americans a chance to buy insurance when they change jobs or when someone in their family is sick. We can do this by encouraging firms to provide more extensive pension coverage, as I have done through my proposals for pension simplification. In addition, we should make work pay by increasing the minimum wage and pre-

servicing the full Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which cuts taxes for hard-pressed working families to make sure that no parents who work full-time have to raise their children in poverty.

—*Creating high-wage jobs through technology and exports.* We must continue to encourage the growth of high-wage industries, which will create the high-wage jobs of the future. We have reformed the decades-old telecommunications laws, to help spur the digital revolution that will continue to transform the way we live. We must continue to encourage exports, since jobs supported by goods exports pay on average 13 percent more than other jobs. My Administration has concluded over 200 trade agreements, including the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, seeking an open world marketplace and fair rules for exporters of American goods and services. As a result, merchandise exports have increased by 31 percent.

—*A government that is smaller, works better, and costs less.* A new economy demands a new kind of government. The era of big, centralized, one-size-fits-all government is over. But the answer is not the wholesale dismantling of government. Rather, we must strive to meet our problems using flexible, nonbureaucratic means—and working with businesses, religious groups, civic organizations, schools, and State and local governments. My Administration has reduced the size of government: as a percentage of civilian nonfarm employment, the Federal workforce is the smallest it has been since 1933, before the New Deal. We have conducted a top-to-bottom overhaul of Federal regulations, and are eliminating 16,000 pages of outdated or burdensome rules altogether. We have reformed environmental, workplace safety, and pharmaceutical regulation to cut red tape without hurting public protection. And we will continue to find new, market-based ways to protect the public.

THE NEED TO CONTINUE WITH WHAT WORKS

As *The Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers* makes clear, this is a moment of great possibility for our country. Ours is the healthiest of any major economy. No nation on earth is better positioned to reap the rewards of the new era. Our strategy of deficit reduction and investment in our people has begun to work. It would be a grave error to turn back.

Our Nation must reject the temptation to shrink from its responsibilities or to turn to narrow, shortsighted solutions for long-term problems. If we continue to invest for the long term, we will pass on to the next generation

a Nation in which opportunity is even more plentiful than it is today.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 14, 1996.*

The message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Joint Economic Committee and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 104-161).

¶15.5 ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1718. An Act to designate the United States Courthouse located at 197 South Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, as the "Max Rosenn United States Courthouse."

And then,

¶15.6 ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. MORELLA, by unanimous consent and pursuant to the special order agreed to on February 6, 1996, at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m., the House adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 1996.

¶15.7 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. HERGER:

H.R. 2966. A bill to authorize law enforcement agencies to make arrangements for the compensation of officers in their canine units; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mr. HAYES:

H.J. Res. 160. Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that Federal judges be reconfirmed by the Senate every 6 years; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

¶15.8 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 863: Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 2137: Mr. SOLOMON.

H.R. 2306: Mr. RAHALL, Mr. GOSS, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. LEACH, and Mr. GUNDERSON.

H.R. 2697: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. SCHROEDER, and Mr. FARR.

H.J. Res. 10: Mr. BATEMAN.

H. Con. Res. 21: Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1996 (16)

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. MORELLA.

¶16.1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. MORELLA, announced she had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, February 16, 1996.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

¶16.2 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

2061. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-197, "District of Columbia Board of Real Property Assessments and Appeals Membership Simplification Act of 1996," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2062. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of February 1, 1996, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e) (H. Doc. N. 104-176); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2063. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled "1994 Annual Report on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Progress," pursuant to the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985; to the Committee on Commerce.

2064. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting the list of all reports issued or released in January 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2065. A letter from the President and CEO, African Development Foundation, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2066. A letter from the Director, Operations and Finance, American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2067. A letter from the Chairperson, Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2068. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting the Comptroller General's report on GAO employees detailed to congressional committees as of January 19, 1996; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2069. A letter from the Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2070. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1995, pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2071. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of proposed refunds of excess royalty payments in OHS areas, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1339(b); to the Committee on Resources.

2072. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of the Secretary's determination and memorandum of justification regarding assistance to Haiti, pursuant to Public Law 104-99, section 301 (110 Stat. 38); jointly, to the Committees on Appropriations and International Relations.

2073. A letter from the Mayor, District of Columbia, transmitting the comprehensive annual financial report of the District of Columbia, pursuant to Public Law 102-102, section 2(b) (105 Stat. 495); jointly, to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and Appropriations.

And then,

¶16.3 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. DAVIS, pursuant to the special order agreed to on February 6, 1996, at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m., the House adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. on Friday, February 23, 1996.

¶16.4 MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII,

200. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to the "Blizzard of 1996"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶16.5 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 940: Mr. OLVER.

H.R. 1021: Ms. VELAZQUEZ and Ms. KAPTUR.

H.R. 1023: Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mrs. MALONEY.

H.R. 2143: Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. WILSON, Mr. HYDE, and Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

H.R. 2214: Mr. TORRES, Mr. MCCOLLUM, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

H.R. 2959: Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MOAKLEY, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. DOOLEY, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. REED, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. KENNELLY, and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas.

¶16.6 PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

57. By the SPEAKER: Petition of the council of the city and county of Honolulu, HI, relative to the State of Hawaii to secure access to oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in case of emergency; to the Committee on Commerce.

58. Also, petition of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the county of Mercer, NJ, relative to the board's support for Representative CHRISTOPHER SMITH as he strives to protect the needs of the senior citizens and all residents of Mercer County; jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1996 (17)

¶17.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DAVIS, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,

February 20, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable THOMAS M. DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on Friday, February 23, 1996.

CONSTANCE A. MORELLA,
*Speaker pro tempore of the
House of Representatives.*

¶17.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DAVIS, announced he had examined

and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, February 20, 1996.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

¶17.3 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

2074. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report entitled "Report on the Performance of Department of Defense Commercial Activities," pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 note; to the Committee on National Security.

2075. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving United States exports to Ghana, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2076. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving United States exports to Indonesia, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2077. A letter from the Chairman, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's annual report for 1995, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2012(b); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

2078. A letter from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, transmitting a report entitled "Performance Profiles of Major Energy Producers 1994," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7267; to the Committee on Commerce.

2079. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting a report on abnormal occurrences at licensed nuclear facilities for the third quarter of calendar 1995, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5848; to the Committee on Commerce.

2080. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense—Force Management Policy, transmitting a report on the audit of the American Red Cross for the year ending June 30, 1995, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 6; to the Committee on International Relations.

2081. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-199, "Technical Amendments Act of 1996," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2082. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-201, "Water and Sewer Authority Establishment and Department of Public Works Reorganization Act of 1996," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2083. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-202, "Joint Custody of Children Act of 1996," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2084. A letter from the Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of a report entitled "Review of the Fiscal Year 1995 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2085. A letter from the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, Appraisal Subcommittee, transmitting the 1995 annual report in compliance with the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, pursuant to Public Law 100-504, section 104(a) (102 Stat. 2525); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2086. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Export-Import Bank of the United