enhancing the quality of life, thereby increasing retention and recruitment.

Science and Technology: During the last six years, I have sought to strengthen science and technology investments in order to serve many of our broader goals for the Nation in the economy, education, health care, the environment, and national defense. My budget strengthens basic research programs, which are the foundation of the Government's role in expanding scientific knowledge and spurring innovation. Through the 21st Century Research Fund, the budget provides strong support for the Nation's two largest funders of civilian basic research at universities: the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. My budget provides a substantial increase for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Space Science program, including a significant cooperative endeavor with Russia.

My budget also provides resources to launch a bold, new Information Technology Initiative to invest in long-term research in computing and communications. It will accelerate development of extremely fast supercomputers to support civilian research, enabling scientists to develop life-savings drugs, provide earlier tornado warnings, and design more fuel-efficient, safer automobiles.

The Environment: The Nation does not have to choose between a strong economy and a clean environment. The past six years are proof that we can have both. We have set tough new clean air standards for soot and smog that will prevent up to 15,000 premature deaths a year. We have set new food and water safety standards and have accelerated the pace of cleanups of toxic Superfund sites. We expanded our efforts to protect tens of millions of acres of public and private lands, including Yellowstone National Park and Florida's Everglades. Led by the Vice President, the Administration reached an international agreement in Kyoto that calls for cuts in greenhouse gas emissions. In my budget this year, I am proposing an historic interagency Lands Legacy initiative to both preserve the Nation's Great Places, and advance preservation of open spaces in every community. This initiative will give State and local governments the tools for orderly growth while protecting and enhancing green spaces, clean water, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreation. I also propose a Livability Initiative with a new financing mechanism, Better America Bonds, to create more open spaces in urban and suburban areas, protect water quality, and clean up abandoned industrial sites. My budget continues to increase our investments in energy-efficient technologies and renewable energy to strengthen our economy while reducing greenhouse gases. And I am proposing a new Clean Air Partnership Fund to support State and local efforts to reduce both air pollution and greenhouse gases.

Law: Our anti-crime strategy is working. For more than six years, serious crime has fallen uninterrupted and the murder rate is down by more than 28 percent, its lowest point in three decades. But, because crime remains unacceptably high, we must go further. Building on our successful community policing (COPS) program, which in this, its final year, places 100,000 more police on the street, my budget launches the next step—the 21st Century Policing initiative. This initiative invests in additional police targeted especially to crime ''hot spots,'' in crime fighting technology, and in community based prosecutors and crime prevention. The budget also provides funds to prevent violence against women, and to address the growing law enforcement crisis on Indian lands. To boost our efforts to control illegal immigration, the budget provides the resources to strengthen border enforcement in the South and West, remove illegal aliens, and expand our efforts to verify whether newly hired non-citizens are eligible for jobs. To combat drug use, particularly among young people, my budget expands programs that stress treatment and prevention, law enforcement, international assistance, and interdiction.

ENTERING THE 21ST CENTURY

As we prepare to enter the next century, we must keep sight of the source of our great success. We enjoy an economy of unprecedented prosperity due, in large measure, to our commitment to fiscal discipline. In the past six years, we have worked together as a Nation, facing the responsibility to correct the mistaken deficit-driven policies of the past. Balancing the budget has allowed our economy to prosper and has freed our children from a future in which mounting deficits threatened to limit options and sap the country's resources.

In the course of the next century, we will face new challenges for which we are now fully prepared. As the result of our fiscal policy, and the resources it has produced, we will enter this next century from a position of strength, confident that we have both the purpose and ability to meet the tasks ahead. If we keep our course, and maintain the important balance between fiscal discipline and investing wisely in priorities, our position of strength promises to last for many generations to come.

The great and immediate challenge before us is to save Social Security. It is time to move forward now.

We have already started the hard work of seeking to build consensus for Social Security's problems. Let us finish the job before the year ends. Let us enter the 21st Century knowing that the American people have met one more great challenge—that we have fulfilled the obligations we owe to each other as Americans.

If we can do this—and surely we can—then we will be able to look ahead with confidence, knowing that our strength, our resources, and our national purpose will help make the year 2000 the first in what promises to be the next American Century.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 1, 1999.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 106–3).

¶3.22 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—EMIGRATIONS LAWS AND POLICIES OF ALBANIA

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

To the Congress of the United States:

I am submitting an updated report to the Congress concerning the emigration laws and policies of Albania. The report indicates continued Albanian compliance with U.S. and international standards in the area of emigration. In fact, Albania has imposed no emigration restrictions, including exit visa requirements, on its population since 1991.

On December 5, 1997, I determined and reported to the Congress that Albania is not in violation of paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of subsection 402(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, or paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection 409(a) that act. That action allowed for the continuation of normal trade relations status for Albania and certain other activities without the requirement of an annual waiver. This semiannual report is submitted as required by law pursuant to the determination of December 5, 1997.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 2, 1999.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 106–16).

¶3.23 CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. WELLER, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That business in order for consideration on Wednesday, February 3, 1999, under clause 7, rule XV, the Calendar Wednesday rule, be dispensed with.

¶3.24 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 99

Mr. DREIER, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 106–4) the resolution (H. Res. 31) providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 99) to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend Federal Aviation Administration programs through September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶3.25 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Ms. CARSON, for today; and

To Mr. DEUTSCH, for today and balance of the week.

And then,

¶3.26 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. ROHRABACHER, at 8 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶3.27 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. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 98. A bill to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the aviation war risk insurance program (Rept. No. 106–2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 99. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend Federal Aviation Administration programs through September 30, 1999, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 106–6). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 31. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 99) to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend Federal Aviation Administration programs through September 30, 1999, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106–4). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. H.R. 350. A bill to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No. 106–5). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶3.28 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. BLILEY (for himself, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. HYDE, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. WOLF, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. GOODE, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. COOK, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. COYNE, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. RILEY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. STUPAK, Ms. DANNER, Mr. DOYLE, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. DIXON, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. ACKERMAN, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. JOHN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. STENHOLM, Ms. CARSON, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. TANCREDO, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. METCALF, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. TURNER, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. WALDEN, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. GILLMOR, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. BAKER, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. HORN, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. FROST, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. UPTON, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 430. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility for hospital care and medical services under chapter 17 of that title to veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CAMP (for himself, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, and Mr. UPTON):

H.R. 431. A bill to require any amounts appropriated for Members' Representational Allowances for the House of Representatives for a fiscal year that remain after all payments are made from such Allowances for the year to be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit reduction or to reduce the Federal debt; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. GEJDENSON, and Mr. LANTOS):

H.R. 432. A bill to designate the North/South Center as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. DAVIS of Virginia (for himself, Ms. NORTON, and Mrs. MORELLA):

H.R. 433. A bill to restore the management and personnel authority of the Mayor of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. CRANE (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. DREIER, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHABOT, Ms. CHRISTIAN-CHRISTENSEN, Mr. DICKS, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. EWING, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FORD, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. KOLBE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MATSUI, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PETRI, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WOLF, and Mr. WYNN):

H.R. 434. A bill to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Sahara Africa; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Banking and Financial Services, 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. ARCHER (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. CRANE, and Mr. LEVIN):

H.R. 435. A bill to make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HORN (for himself, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Ms. BIGGERT, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. DAVIS of Florida):

H.R. 436. A bill to reduce waste, fraud, and error in Government programs by making improvements with respect to Federal management and debt collection practices, Federal payment systems, Federal benefit programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. HORN (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Ms. BIGGERT, Mr. MICA, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina):

H.R. 437. A bill to provide for a Chief Financial Officer in the Executive Office of the President; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. SHIMKUS (for himself and Mr. TAUZIN):

H.R. 438. A bill to promote and enhance public safety through use of 911 as the universal emergency assistance number, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. TALENT (for himself, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. SWEENEY, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.R. 439. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to minimize the burden of Federal paperwork demands upon small businesses, educational and nonprofit institutions, Federal contractors, State and local governments, and other persons through the sponsorship and use of alternative information technologies; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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. TALENT (for himself, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. PASCRELL, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.R. 440. A bill to make technical corrections to the Microloan Program; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. RUSH (for himself and Mr. HYDE):

H.R. 441. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of nonimmigrant nurses who will pratice in health professional shortage areas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii):

H.R. 442. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to increase the Federal medical assistance percentage for Hawaii to 59.8 percent; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. WYNN, Mr. DELAHUNT,