

President. I have not seen such anger. I serve on that special committee that is looking into the Whitewater. The Presiding Officer and I sit there. God, there is anger toward that President. And the President does say he wants a balanced budget that is consistent with our values.

What are those values? I will not take too long to go into them because I know the hour is late. Respect for our elderly—pretty important value. I learned that as a child. So why would you sock it to Medicare and Medicaid and people in nursing homes, if you believe that we should respect our elderly? And give a tax break to the very wealthy who do not need it?

How about respect for our children? But, no, we are going to have thousands of fewer kids in Head Start, thousands of fewer kids getting special reading attention, cuts in education. Do you want to hear more? Respect for our environmental heritage. Respect for our environmental heritage. Respect for our environment—not only passing laws that say we will have clean air and clean water but actually enforcing those laws.

The Republican budget does not have respect for the elderly or the children or the environment and many other areas because they are so respectful of the rich and powerful that they will give them a huge tax break and therefore have to cut into these other programs.

Do the people want a balanced budget? You bet. You bet. But they want it to be fair. That is a value, too. Fairness is a value. In their budget they

raise taxes on people earning less than \$10,000 a year. Where is the value there for fairness? And they are mad at the President because he will not go along with it, and he has the guts to stand up and say it. And they do not like it. And they keep saying, "Gee, the President doesn't stand for anything." But now that he does they do not like what he stands for. They want it all ways.

And then they say, "Well, the President signed a commitment, a commitment to balance the budget in 7 years with CBO estimates." They left out a few things, however. In the agreement that CBO would check with the other experts, the blue chip indicators, the OMB indicators, and consider those. It is an important point. He did not just say, yes, whatever CBO says. The CBO has to check with these others. He also signed on to the fact that we will all protect certain priorities. They are listed in that document: Medicaid, Medicare, education, the environment.

So, yes, we all want a balanced budget. And we know that we can get there in a fair way. But we are not going to be blackmailed into it. And I honestly think that some of the Republican leaders over in the House think that because they are threatening a government shutdown we are going to say, OK, we give up. Cut Medicare, Medicaid. We do not really mean what we say. We do not care about tax breaks to the wealthy. All of this was just talk. Just keep the Government. We will give up.

It is not going to happen. So we come down to this very unhappy moment in the Senate, angry words, angry feel-

ings, dispirited people all over the place. It is about a very important issue: What are our values? What do we value as a people?

So, Mr. President, thank you for this time that I have had to express myself this evening. My heart goes out to those Federal employees who do not know if they will have a happy Christmas. But I will do everything I can to separate that fight, that short-term battle from the long-term question, and I hope we can all do that and keep this Government going.

I yield the floor.

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#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE TOMORROW

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate tonight, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the Labor, HHS appropriations bill tomorrow at 12 noon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate now stands adjourned.

Thereupon, at 8:53 p.m., the Senate adjourned until Saturday, December 16, 1995, at 11 a.m.