

school. There are a lot of public schools. I lost my beard because of a great public school in my own district, who went on to become the national champions of the science olympiad. Great work. But in L.A., within the L.A. Unified School District, she said, when I was a public school principal, I had to worry about the three B's. You say, Evonne, what are the three B's? She said, I had to worry about busing, budgets, and the butts. And you say, what are the butts? She said every time I had an innovative idea, I wanted to do something for the kids that was a little bit out of the ordinary, I went to the L.A. Unified School District and said, these are my kids, they have got special needs, I would like to do this; and they would say, yeah, but if we let you do this, everybody will have to do it.

Mr. NEUMANN. If the gentleman would yield, they are going to tell us we are out of time very shortly, and I just want to bring it back because the "yeah, butts" is what has been going on in this city in the past. When you look back at Gramm-Rudman-Hollings and the failures to keep their promises and when you look back at the tax increases of 1993, yeah, but we cannot control Washington spending, it is easier to take the money away from the people.

Until we got a new group and we have been concentrating here in the present and all these good things that are going on, as we talk about change in education, as we talk about welfare reform, and we talk about being in the third year of a 7-year plan to balance the budget, we are on track, ahead of schedule, reducing taxes for the American people.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. I want to thank the gentleman for the time in doing the special order, and I want to reinforce. It is about the numbers. We are still spending over \$1.6 trillion dollars a year.

Now we have got to make sure that the dollars that we are spending, we are getting optimal results for that spending. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. NEUMANN. In wrapping up this evening, I would just like to very briefly focus on the future, because we talked about the past and the failed promises and higher taxes and we talk about the present and how the new group that is here since 1995 is on track and ahead of schedule and taxes coming down.

The future includes us also dealing with the debt that has been run up over the last 15 years. And later this week, we will be introducing a bill called the National Debt Repayment Act. The National Debt Repayment Act would literally pay off the entire Federal debt by the year 2026. It simply says that after the budget is balanced, we cap the growth of Government spending at a rate 1 percent lower than the rate of revenue growth and that will create a surplus. Of this surplus, one-third gets

used for additional tax cuts, two-thirds goes to repay the Federal debt.

What a nice thought it would be to pass this Nation on to our children debt free by the year 2026. Of course, as we repay the Federal debt, we are also putting the money back into the Social Security trust fund. For those who have not followed it, the trust fund collects more money than it pays back out in benefits each year, but the money has been spent on all sorts of other Government programs. And what is in the trust fund today is all part of that \$5.3 trillion debt, it is IOU's.

So if the National Debt Repayment Act, now the future, after the budget is balanced, the next step is starting to pay down the Federal debt so that we can pass this Nation on to our children debt free. What a wonderful, wonderful thought for the future of this country so they do not have to send \$500 a month out to Washington to do nothing but pay interest on the Federal debt.

And at the same time we do that, we put the money back into the Social Security Trust Fund so Social Security is no longer on the verge of bankruptcy and our seniors can rest assured that their Social Security money is safe and secure.

To conclude this evening, I would just again emphasize how much this place has changed in the last 3 years, where we are at today. The budget is virtually balanced. It may be balanced within the next 6 months, maybe the next year, but certainly on the very near term a balanced budget. Medicare is restored. And taxes are coming down for the American people. And I guess that is the best way to wrap this up. It is about the families out there and it is about the impact of lower taxes. It is about a secure future for our children as the debt is repaid and we start doing things that are right for our country, and it is about a secure future for our senior citizens to know that Medicare has been restored and to know that as we pass the National Debt Repayment Act, it also restores Social Security so our seniors can be assured once again that Social Security is safe. And most important of all, future generations of Americans will not be saddled with the burden of our generation, we will have done what is right for the future of this great Nation that we live in.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and on July 16, on account of medical reasons.

Ms. ESHOO (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today before 8:45 p.m., on account of airline equipment problems.

Ms. WOOLSEY, (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today before 8:45 p.m., on account of airline equipment problems.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HOEKSTRA) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SAXTON, for 5 minutes each day, today and on July 16 and 17.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes each day, today and July 16.

Mr. HOEKSTRA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TIAHRT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KUCINICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BENTSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous matter:)

Mr. ETHERIDGE.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. BLUMENAUER.

Ms. STABENOW.

Mr. MCDERMOTT.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. ENGEL.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HOEKSTRA) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous matter:)

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado.

Mr. BONO.

Mr. SHAYS.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HOEKSTRA) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan.

Mr. CLYBURN.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York.

Mr. CONYERS.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 231. An act to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 423. An act to extend the legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 669. An act to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site; to the Committee on Resources.