

sense, because they are the ones that needs it the most.

So that breaking the deal, I think the gentleman used the term weaseled on the deal, is exactly what we are getting here at every level. But most importantly, and that is what aggravates, I think, President Clinton the most, is on the education tax cuts, because that was the part of the balanced budget agreement he was most concerned about because of his concern about the future of the country.

Mr. OLVER. If the gentleman would yield further for just a moment. I think the President has made it absolutely clear what he will require in order for him to sign this legislation. He wants very badly to sign legislation for a tax reduction, but he is going to make certain that it goes chiefly to the middle class.

He is going to make certain that it does not explode deficits in the out-years so that we do not go through what we went through in the 1980's with the deficits reaching as high as \$330 billion a year, as they would have been in fiscal year 1993 if we had not, as the gentleman from Michigan said earlier, if we had not gone through that very tough exercise in 1993.

And thirdly that it must encourage education, because that is the way that our people are going to grow in their opportunities, in their capacities to contribute to America and to their families.

Mr. PALLONE. And the amazing thing, too, going back to these higher education tax credits, is that under the Republican bill, after the first 2 years, because again remember we are trying to get and help people who are at the lower end of the spectrum pay for college education, still working people, though. And I wanted to read again from Secretary Rubin's letter, he says "Neither bill, House or Senate, offers low income students and students who work to pay tuition meaningful help beyond the first 2 years of higher education. Instead, the bills require taxpayers to have the funds available to put into savings in order to be entitled to any assistance other than for the first 2 years."

So not only do they take these working students and give them less for the first 2 years than the Democratic plan would, but unless they are in a position to have an IRA or some sort of special savings account, they would not get any help at all in the last 2 years of college. And we of course do the opposite and extend that credit, that education credit, through the whole 4 years of college.

And my colleagues know today that many students need the 4-year degree if they are going to be able to get into the work force. So again it makes no sense. It is geared to the wealthy, not to the middle income people.

And, obviously, this is not over yet, the budget negotiators are still at this, the President is weighing in, and I think all of us here joining in this spe-

cial order tonight are only doing it because we hope that the people involved in these budget negotiations on the Republican side will wake up, come to their senses, so to speak, and try to help the average working American. This is not too late. This can still be done if they heed their constituents and the will of the American people.

I want to thank the gentlemen for participating in this special order.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

February 3, 1997

H.R. Res. 25. Joint resolution making technical corrections to the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 1997 (Public Law 104-208), and for other purposes.

February 28, 1997

H.J. Res. 36. Joint resolution approving the Presidential finding that the limitation on obligations imposed by section 518A(a) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997, is having a negative impact on the proper functioning of the population planning program.

H.R. 668. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the Airport and Airway Trust Fund excise taxes, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1997

H.R. 499. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service under construction at 7411 Barlite Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Frank M. Tejada Post Office Building".

March 19, 1997

H.R. 924. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to give further assurance to the right of victims of crime to attend and observe the trials of those accused of the crime.

March 25, 1997

H.R. 514. An act to permit the waiver of District of Columbia residency requirements for certain employees of the Office of the Inspector General of the District of Columbia.

April 14, 1997

H.R. 412. An act to approve a settlement agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District.

April 24, 1997

H.R. 785. An act to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center.

April 25, 1997

H.R. 1225. An act to make a technical correction to title 28, United States Code, relating to jurisdiction for lawsuits against terrorist states.

April 30, 1997

H.R. 1003. An act to clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use of Federal funds in support of assisted suicide.

May 14, 1997

H.R. 1001. An act to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission.

May 15, 1997

H.R. 968. An act to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities.

June 2, 1997

H.R. 1650. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the

Congress to Mother Theresa of Calcutta in recognition of her outstanding and enduring contributions through humanitarian and charitable activities, and for other purposes.

June 4, 1997

H.R. 5. An act to amend the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

June 12, 1997

H.R. 1871. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peace-keeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

June 27, 1997

H.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution to consent to certain amendments enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920.

H.R. 956. An act to amend the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 to establish a program to support and encourage local communities that first demonstrate a comprehensive, long-term commitment to reduce substance abuse among youth, and for other purposes.

July 3, 1997

H.R. 363. An act to amend section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to extend the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination program.

H.R. 1306. An act to amend Federal law to clarify the applicability of host State laws to any branch in such State of an out-of-State bank, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1553. An act to amend the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 to extend the authorization of the Assassination Records Review Board until September 30, 1998.

H.R. 1902. An act to immunize donations made in the form of charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts from the antitrust laws and State laws similar to the antitrust laws.

SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the Senate of the following titles:

March 17, 1997

S. J. Res. 5. Joint resolution waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative.

March 31, 1997

S. 410. An act to extend the effective date of the Investment Advisers Supervision Coordination Act.

May 14, 1997

S. 305. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Francis Albert "Frank" Sinatra in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions through his entertainment career and humanitarian activities, and for other purposes.

June 18, 1997

S. 543. An act to provide certain protections to volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities in lawsuits based on the activities of volunteers.

June 27, 1997

S. 342. An act to extend certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to: