

There is a case of a day care center, Mr. Speaker, which allegedly owed the IRS \$14,000. It was raided by armed agents, who refused to release the children in the day care center until the parents pledged to give the government money.

The IRS has more employees than the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Agency combined. Its budget makes it a bigger consumer of tax dollars than the Department of Commerce, the Department of State and the Department of Interior.

It is time that we revamped our tax system, Mr. Speaker. It is absolutely essential. We need to have tax relief, but we need to have tax simplification and clarification.

I am proud to see that the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY], the majority leader, and the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. TAUZIN] are taking it on the road to the American people, and I invite them to come to Savannah, Georgia. I know they are going to be coming to Atlanta, but I hope they will bring it down, because we need to have a good debate and move to the direction of tax simplification right away.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BUYER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BUYER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. PAUL] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. PAUL addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. FOLEY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. FOLEY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET REGARDING ADJUSTMENT IN APPROPRIATIONS UNDER SECTION 8 OF U.S. HOUSING ACT OF 1937

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. KASICH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, October 6, 1997.  
Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives, Office of the Speaker, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Sec. 203 of H. Con. Res. 84 requires that the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget make an adjustment "... after the reporting of an appropriation measure (or after the submission of a con-

ference report thereon) that includes an appropriation for the renewal of expiring contracts for tenant- and project-based housing assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 . . . not to exceed \$9,200,000,000 in budget authority and the appropriate amount of outlays."

In July the House Committee on Appropriations reported H.R. 2158, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Housing & Urban Development, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for Fiscal Year 1998 which included \$9,200,000,000 in budget authority for Section 8 housing renewals. At that time the Appropriations Committee's new discretionary allocation was increased by \$9,200,000,000 in budget authority and \$3,436,000,000 in outlays.

The conference report accompanying H.R. 2158 has been filed and the amount provided for Section 8 housing renewals has been reduced to \$8,180,000,000 in budget authority. Therefore, the amount of new discretionary budget authority allocated to the Appropriations Committee is hereby reduced by \$1,020,000,000. The revised 302(a) allocations for the Appropriations Committee and aggregate budget levels are shown on the attached table.

These adjustments shall apply while the legislation is under consideration and shall take effect upon enactment of the legislation.

The adjustments are as follows:

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[In millions of dollars]

Discretionary	Current allocation		Change		Revised allocation	
	Budget Authority	Outlays	Budget Authority	Outlays	Budget Authority	Outlays
General purpose .....	521,140	549,837	-1,020	0	520,120	549,837
Violent crime reduction trust fund .....	5,500	3,592			5,500	3,592
Total .....	526,640	553,429	-1,020	0	525,620	553,429

Aggregate levels for budget authority and outlays for fiscal year 1998 remain unchanged as follows:

[In millions of dollars]

Budget authority ..... 1,387,183  
Outlays ..... 1,372,461

Sincerely,

JOHN R. KASICH,  
Chairman.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, September 30, 1997.  
Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives, Office of the Speaker, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Section 10114 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-33) requires that when an appropriations bill provides funds for an Earned Income Tax Credit Compliance Initiative there shall be an adjustment to the appropriate budgetary aggregates (subject to limitations set forth in sec 10114 of P.L. 105-33) and corresponding adjustments to the Appropriations Committee's 302(a) allocation.

The Appropriations Committee has reported the conference on H.R. 2378, the Appropriations Treasury Postal Service for FY 1998. This bill specifically provides \$138,000,000 in discretionary budget authority for FY 1998 for an Earned Income Tax Credit Compliance Initiative. The associated outlays are \$131,000,000. These amounts are within the amounts provided by section 10114 of the Balance Budget Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-33).

These adjustments shall apply while the legislation is under consideration and shall take effect upon enactment of the legislation.

The adjustments are as follows:

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[In millions of dollars]

Discretionary	Current allocation		Change		Revised allocation	
	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays
General purpose .....	521,002	549,706	+138	+131	521,140	549,837
Violent crime reduction trust fund .....	5,500	3,592			5,500	3,592
Total .....	526,502	553,298	+138	+131	526,640	553,429

The aggregate levels for budget authority and outlays for fiscal year 1998 are increased as follows: