

into the Social Security Trust Fund, so Social Security would once again be safe and solvent for our senior citizens.

There is \$600 billion that has been taken out of the Social Security Trust Fund and spent on other government programs between 1983 and today. Our National Debt Repayment Act, we do not have to ignore that money. It is not gone. We do not have to say we cannot pay that money back.

That \$600 billion that has been taken out of the Social Security Trust Fund, that is all part of the national debt, the \$5.5 trillion. All we have to do is pass the National Debt Repayment Act and as we repay that Federal debt, we find ourselves in a position where part of that debt is the Social Security Trust Fund, so the money gets back into the Social Security Trust Fund.

So tonight I am encouraging my colleagues to join me in two separate bills, the Social Security Preservation Act, which truly would put Social Security first, and the National Debt Repayment Act, which would pay off the entire Federal debt by the year 2026, so our children inherit a debt free Nation. It would restore the Social Security Trust Fund, so Social Security would again be solvent for our senior citizens, and it would lower taxes, taking one-third of any surpluses and dedicating it towards tax reduction.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of medical reasons.

Ms. ESHOO (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of a death in the family.

Mr. MANTON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of personal business.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and tomorrow, on account of district business.

Mr. GILLMOR (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for January 27, on account of the birth of a granddaughter.

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. PEASE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes on February 5.

Mr. GEKAS 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 Mr. Clement) and to include extraneous matter:

Mr. Skelton.
Mr. Lantos.
Mr. Pascrell.
Mr. Berman.
Mr. Farr of California.
Mr. Stark.
Mr. Deutsch.
Mr. Barrett of Wisconsin.
Mr. Hamilton.
Mr. Manton.
Mr. Schumer.
Mr. LEVIN.
Mr. Kleczka.
Mr. Fazio of California.

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

Mr. Talent.
Mr. Radanovich.
Mr. Gilman.
Mr. Ramstad.
Mr. Solomon.
Mr. Sensenbrenner.

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

Ms. Ros-Lehtinen.
Mr. Bilirakis.
Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.
Mr. Packard.
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
Mr. Barrett of Wisconsin.
Mr. Dellums.
Mr. Combest.
Mr. Kanjorski.
Mr. Blagojevich.
Mr. Payne.
Mr. Knollenberg.
Mr. Kildee.
Mr. Kind.
Mr. Filner.
Mr. McIntosh, in two instances.
Mr. Oberstar.
Mr. Torres.
Mr. Baker.
Mr. Gillmor.
Ms. Stabenow.
Mr. Farr of California.
Mr. Clyburn.

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

Mr. Clyburn, in three instances.
Mrs. Mink of Hawaii.
Mr. Thune.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. NEUMANN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 4, 1998, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6724. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service,

transmitting the Service's final rule—Peanuts Marketed in the United States; Relaxation of Handling Regulations [Docket Nos. FV97-997-1 IFR and FV97-998-1 IFR] received January 22, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6725. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida and Imported Grapefruit; Relaxation of the Minimum Size Requirement for Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV98-905-2 IFR] received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6726. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Hazel-nuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 1997-98 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV98-982-1 IFR] received January 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6727. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida and Imported Tomatoes; Final Rule to Change Minimum Size and Size Designation Requirements [Docket No. FV97-966-1 FR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6728. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Revision to Container Requirements [Docket No. FV98-925-2 IFR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6729. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al; Temporary Suspension of Proviso for Exporting Juice and Juice Concentrate; Establishment of Regulations for Handler Diversion [Docket No. FV97-930-4 IFR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6730. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Limiting the Volume of Small Florida Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV97-905-1 FIR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6731. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Temporary Suspension of Continuing Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-925-1 IFR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6732. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-959-1 IFR] received January 9, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6733. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Humane Treatment of Dogs and Cats; Wire Flooring [Docket No. 95-100-2] (RIN: 0579-AA78) received January 23, 1998,