

over the two-year period we will be able to apply for some 100,000 section 8 vouchers that help most of all the working poor move throughout the community in stable neighborhoods, to raise their children with support from our housing authority. Mr. Speaker, that is good.

I heard my colleague mention the LIHEAP funds dealing with providing support for seniors who are in need of supplement for cold weather. But let me tell you how much we needed it in Texas when a heat wave of national disaster level plagued our State and killed over 100 people, many of whom were seniors. We were able to secure some \$3 million also to assist in that crisis. And so we have restored, Democrats, the money that was gutted out of the labor, HHS. That is an important and needed resource for our seniors across this Nation.

Frankly, Mr. Speaker, we had a vigorous debate on the census. I believe that the results were positive for what this country will ultimately recognize that it needs, an accurate census count in the year 2000. The State of Texas lost 400,000 plus in the 1990 census because of an inaccurate count. We lost 65,000 in Houston alone. Those were predominantly minorities, Hispanics and African Americans. We now have the ability to use sampling, the statistical method until June of 1999. I hope that we will prevail on this process, for it is shameful that we would look not to count every single person within this Nation.

We just faced a terrible rain and flooding situation in Houston, and I am delighted that a project that we have been working on collectively as members of the Texas delegation and individually, in particular my district, the 18th congressional district, the Sims Bayou project will receive some \$12 million. Work has already begun. But we will now see for the Army Corps of Engineers to move this along and move it along for the citizens along that bayou to live in their neighborhoods with a quality of life not in fear of every raindrop that comes our way. And I might say that Houston gets a lot of raindrops.

I am not happy, Mr. Speaker, however, with the constant fighting over the NEA funds although we did fund it. I am calling now for all of our arts associations and organizations across the Nation to be assured that we work for the fight to protect the NEA.

As I close, Mr. Speaker, let me say that I will continue to fight for our home health care agencies so that we will have them in our community, and children's mental health. I am most proud of the \$5 million extra dollars that we have secured through our hard work to protect and help rehabilitate our children suffering from mental disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, we have a long way to go, but we did do what we needed to do today. We answered the Speaker's question, what would we do if we did

not pass this bill. We passed it for America, but yet we are challenged to come back here and do more for education and do more for our seniors and do more for our children.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 105TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FOX) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to address my colleagues and to highlight the accomplishments of this 105th Congress.

For the first time since 1969, Mr. Speaker, we have a balanced budget, a balanced budget which means lower interest rates for all of our families, when it comes to their mortgage, when it comes to car expense and when it comes to student loans.

And what is the biggest dividend from a balanced budget, Mr. Speaker, has been the fact that we now have a budget surplus. After 40 years of excessive spending, we now have a budget surplus. This year alone we are talking about 71 billion. Over the next 10 years we are speaking about \$1.6 trillion dollars. That is the American taxpayers' money, most of which, under the Republican-led plans, will go to shore up Social Security. A much lesser amount is actually needed, but this is to make sure that Social Security is secure for many years to come and also make sure the following takes place: We take Social Security off budget; we roll back the 1993 tax on Social Security; we increase the income that seniors can earn without deductions from Social Security from 30,000, under our proposal to \$39,000 a year.

We have also taken important steps to save Medicare, the health care program for our seniors. Under this program we have done two major things, Mr. Speaker. One, we have increased the penalties for those who would abuse Medicare, health care fraud, whatever provider they may be. If they would, in fact, abuse Medicare, they would no longer be providers and would be subject to penalties. Beyond that, we have five new health care prevention programs for our senior citizens under Medicare. We have the annual mammograms, the annual Pap smears, the annual prostate cancer screening, the annual colorectal cancer screenings and as well osteoporosis screening and the diabetes screening.

On IRS reform, what grade strides we have made here. The Republican-led House and Senate have done the very thing that I was requesting in my legislation to shift the burden of proof. Instead of the IRS commissioner being presumed correct and we guilty as taxpayers, we have shifted it. It is now assumed that the taxpayer is presumed correct and the IRS commissioner has the burden of going forward to prove otherwise.

FDA reform, we have now speeded up the approval for life-saving drugs and

medical devices signed into law by the President. I was proud to do my part to move this legislation forward to help people live longer and better while waiting for a cure or vaccine.

On education, the Republican-led Congress has given an additional \$500 million over the President's amount for special ed. Increased funding for the Women, Infants and Children program, our school nutrition programs, increased funding for Head Start, for the vocational education program, for charter schools. But the most significant program was one that came from the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS). This program says more dollars to the classroom and less money for bureaucrats; 95 percent of all dollars must go back to schools to use as they see fit, more teachers, new classrooms, maybe new computers, whatever each school district wants. This ensures that every every new school has an additional \$90,000, even more funds for each school district.

It also would do something for higher ed. Our legislation says we are going to increase the loans and grants for college students, highest ever Pell grants and our lowest interest rate in 17 years.

Yes, America is on the move because of a bipartisan Congress, led by Republicans, to make sure we made a difference in people's lives for working families, for seniors and for our young people. We made a real positive difference.

I am looking forward to working together with my colleagues as we move forward to make sure America is stronger and American is better.

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 Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

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

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BERRY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BURR of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GIBBONS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 109. An act to provide Federal housing assistance to Native Hawaiians; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 538. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities of the Minidoka project to the Burley Irrigation District, and for other purposes.

S. 744. An act to authorize the construction of the Fall River Water Users District Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Fall River Water Users District, a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes.

S. 1260. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, and for other purposes.

S. 1722. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend certain programs with respect to women's health research and prevention activities at the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

S. 2364. An act to reauthorize and make reforms to programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 and the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

S. 2524. An act to codify without substantive change laws related to Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations and to improve the United States Code.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.) the House adjourned until Wednesday, October 21, 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:

11758. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Mexican Fruit Fly Regulations; Addition of Regulated Area [Docket No. 98-082-2] received October 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11759. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Veterinary Diagnostic Services User Fees [Docket No. 94-115-2] (RIN: 0579-AA70) received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11760. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Validated Brucellosis-Free States; South Carolina [Docket No. 98-101-1] received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11761. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Mississippi [Docket No. 98-097-1] received October 15, 1998, pursu-

ant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11762. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Importation of Horses [Docket No. 95-054-3] received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11763. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-931-1 IFR] received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11764. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-906-1 FIR] received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11765. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Partial Exemption From the Handling Regulation for Producer Field-Packed Tomatoes [Docket No. FV98-966-2 IFR] received October 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11766. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Change in Container Regulations [Docket No. FV98-922-1 FIR] received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11767. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-948-1 FIR] received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11768. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, CA; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-987-1 FR] received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11769. A letter from the the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting Cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e); (H. Doc. No. 105—328); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

11770. A letter from the Director, Washington Headquarters Services, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); TRICARE Prime Balance Billing (RIN: 0720-AA46) received October 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

11771. A letter from the The Chairmen, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting a Report to the Congress on the Markets for Small Business and Commercial Mortgage Related Securities; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11772. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the

Secretary of the Treasury to produce currency, postage stamps, and other security documents at the request of foreign governments, and security documents at the request of the individual States or any political subdivision thereof, on a reimbursable basis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11773. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-7696] received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11774. A letter from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the Office's final rule—Safety and Soundness Standards [Docket No. 98-13] (RIN: 1557-AB67) received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11775. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer Alternate, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's final rule—Transactions with Affiliates; Reverse Repurchase Agreements—received October 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11776. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's final rule—Interagency Guidelines Establishing Year 2000 Standards for Safety and Soundness (RIN: 1550-AB27) received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11777. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11778. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rehabilitation Long-Term Training—received October 14, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11779. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Experienced Miner and Supervisor Training (RIN: 1219-AB13) received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11780. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Technical Amendments of Rules Relating to Labor-Management Standards and Standards of Conduct for Federal Sector Labor Organizations; Correction (RIN: 1215-AB22) received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11781. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits [29 CFR Part 4044] received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11782. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Title I—Helping Disadvantaged Children Meet High Standards (RIN: 1810-AA89) received October 15, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11783. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting