

"I learned that the power to get things done is less than some people believe," he remembers. "Yes, the presidency is magnified out of proportion. You can get some things done, but you can't wave a wand to have everything work the way you want it. The presidency is too complicated.

"I also learned that the White House is surrounded by history, and I left there with even more respect for America's principles, more respect for the institution of the presidency, and more respect for the civil servants, including the staff of the executive residence and the uniformed Secret Service officers, who make that magnificent museum of a place into a real home for whoever is President of the U.S. as well as for his family and guests."

And since he departed the White House, in 1993, how, in his view, has the presidency evolved?

"Like many Americans, I have worried about the recent happenings in and around the White House," George Bush told me. "But the presidency is a vital and strong and resilient institution. Just as (former President) Jerry Ford instantly restored honor to the Executive Mansion—after Watergate—so will whoever is elected President in the year 2000.

"Respect for the office is important and character and behavior in that office do count. The office is not too big for any individual, provided he or she can make tough decisions and give credit to bright and experienced people who should surround the Chief Executive."

If George Bush could leave but one legacy, he wants it to be a return to the moral compass that must guide America through the next century.

"And," he adds, "I hope historians will say that I and my Administration left the world a little more peaceful by the way we handled the unification of Germany, the liberation of Eastern Europe and the Baltics, as well as the way we worked with the Soviet leaders to bring about change there, and to get their support when we had to fight the Gulf War."

"I also hope my legacy will include the Madrid peace conference (1992); our key role in NAFTA, the Brady Plan (plan for debt relief for Latin America), and the way we handled China after Tiananmen Square 10 years ago.

"On a personal level, I hope my legacy will be that 'George Bush did his best and served America with honor.'"

If he could have one wish on this birthday, what would it be?

"I am not sentimental," he says, "but, yes, there is a certain special quality to this milestone. For myself, I have no wishes for my birthday. I have everything a man could want. But, for the world, I would wish more peace; and for America, I wish for stronger families and better values."

And George Bush's vision for the next century?

"I am optimistic about the 21st century," he told me. "With no superpower confrontation on the horizon, I believe the next century can be one of peace—though there will always be regional conflicts. But I, for one, am still hopeful."

And to share that hope, he likes to recount the time that his wife, Barbara, was planting a flowering bush. She was instructed to dig a deep bed, fill it with fertilizer and firmly plant the bush by covering it with water and soil.

"We were told that the plant would not bloom right away, but that it would, after a year or so, and then for a long time to

come," he mused. "Soon, we realized that she was planting that flowering bush for our kids and grandkids and great-grandkids.

"So despite the vicissitudes we face now, and will face in the future, I believe that that planting was not in vain. Sure, we have problems in the U.S. and overseas, and the world has the weapons to blow itself up. Yet my inner self tells me that our great-grandkids will be around to enjoy those flowers."

AID FOR RUSSIAN AND ROMANIAN ORPHANS

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, before the recess, with the help and support of my colleagues Mr. HELMS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. MCCONNELL, I offered an amendment to Senate Bill 1234, which would provide some relief for the hundreds of thousands of orphans who find themselves confined to institutions and have no one to provide the love, affection and guidance that they so desperately need. Sadly, the disruption and extreme poverty which followed the end of the Cold War Era has had a devastating impact on the lives of the children in the Eastern block. In both Russia and Romania, it is the children, the future of democracy, who are struggling to survive. It is my hope that the funds designated by this amendment will allow the governments in each of these two countries to protect the health, safety and well being of their children and in doing so, build for a stronger and brighter tomorrow.

Specifically, this amendment ensures that \$2,000,000 of the funding appropriated for aid to Russia and the Independent States is used to further the innovative efforts of nongovernmental organizations, such as Christian World Adoption Agency, to provide vocational and professional training for those children who are about to "age out" of orphanages. When this body created Independent Living, it recognized that such training and support is essential to the future of the young adults who have, for whatever reason, grown up in an institution rather than in a family. With the help of help organizations like Christian World, these children can be given the tools they need to become confident and successful adults.

Further, my amendment provides that \$4,400,000 of the funds provided for aid to Eastern Europe and the Baltic States will be used to support the Romanian Department of Child Protection and their work to save the lives and improve health of the more than 100,000 Romanian children in orphanages. Just the other day, myself and several of my colleagues met with the present Secretary of the Department of Child Protection, Dr. Cristian Tabacaru. With great passion, Dr. Tabacaru painted for me a picture of the dire circumstances faced by his country's children. At present, Romania has the highest infant mortality

rate in Europe. What is worse, is that 60% of these deaths are from preventable causes such as malnutrition and premature births.

The Romanian Department of Child Protection is working desperately to save their most precious resource, their children. They have instituted programs that provide nutritional supplements to these children, they have developed their first ever in-home foster care program and are working to improve the services available for those with special needs. While they have made a great deal of progress in very little time, they need and deserve our help. This small amount of money will help them out of their present crisis and to build a child welfare system of which they can be proud.

In closing, I want to again thank Mr. HELMS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. MCCONNELL for their support of my amendment. As we continue to aid the children of this world, we can be confident that we are building the hope of a bright and wonderful future, a future in which few children will grow up without a family to call their own.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S FISCAL YEAR 2000 BUDGET REQUEST ACT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 46

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 202(c) of the District of Columbia Financial Management and Responsibility Assistance Act of 1995 and section 446 of the District of Columbia Self-Governmental Reorganization Act, as amended, I am transmitting the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2000 Budget Request Act.

This proposed Fiscal Year 2000 Budget represents the major programmatic objectives of the Mayor, the Council of the District of Columbia, and the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority. For Fiscal Year 2000, the District estimates revenue of \$5.482 billion and total expenditures of \$5.482 billion, resulting in a budget surplus of \$47,000.

My transmittal of the District of Columbia's budget, as required by law, does not represent an endorsement of its contents.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 12, 1999.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading

clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 10. An act to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, and for other purposes.

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 144. Concurrent resolution urging the United States Government and the United Nations to undertake urgent and strenuous efforts to secure the release of Branko Jelen, Steve Pratt, and Peter Wallace, 3 humanitarian workers employed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia by CARE International, who are being unjustly held as prisoners by the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

A message from the House of Representatives was received announcing the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill on Tuesday, June 29, 1999:

H.R. 4. An act to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR ON JULY 8, 1999

Pursuant to the order of June 29, 1999, the following bill was introduced, read twice and placed on the calendar:

S. 1344. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR ON JULY 12, 1999

The following bill was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1218. An act to amend title, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

The following bill was read twice and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 10. An act to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, and other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-4051. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995, the report of Presidential Determination Number 99-29 relative to the suspension of the limitation of the obligation of FY 1999 State Department Appropriations; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-4052. A communication from the Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Health Effects From Exposure to Power-Line Frequency Electric and Magnetic Fields"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4053. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report entitled "Transportation Research and Development Plan"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4054. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Justice Acquisition Circular 99-1" (RIN1105-AA68), received June 30, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4055. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Zone Academy Bond Credit Rate" (RIN1545-AX23), received June 30, 1999; to the Committee on the Finance.

EC-4056. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Zone Academy Bond Credit Rate" (Notice 99-35, 1999-27 I.R.B.—, Jul 5, 1995), received June 30, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4057. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rev. Rul. 99-30, BLS-LIFO Department Store Inventory Price Indexes-May 1999" (Rev. Rul 99-30), received June 24 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4058. A communication from the Director, Acquisition Policy and Programs, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses: Women-Owned Small Business Sources" (RIN0605-AA13), received June 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4059. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations" (MM Docket No. 98-133; RM-9314 Zapata, Texas), received June 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4060. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Revised Format for Materials Being

Incorporated by Reference" (FRL # 6342-9), received June 30, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4061. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerator State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Illinois" (FRL # 6371-5), received June 30, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4062. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lead; Requirements for Disclosure of Known Lead-Based Paint and/or Lead-Based Paint hazards in Housing, Technical Corrections to Reflect OMB Approval of the Information Collection Requirements" (FRL # 6053-9), received June 30, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4063. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Air Pollutants: Regulations Governing Constructed or Reconstructed Major Sources" (FRL # 6369-6), received June 25, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4064. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Group I Polymers and Resins and Group IV Polymers and Resins" (FRL # 6369-9), received June 25, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4065. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State of Alaska Petition for Exemption from Diesel Fuel Sulfur Requirement" (FRL # 6367-1), received June 25, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4066. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Toxic Substances Control Act Test Guidelines" (FRL #6067-4), received June 25, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4067. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Bleached Papergrade Kraft and Soda Subcategory of the Pulp, Paper, and Paperback Point Source Category: Final Rule; OMB Approvals Under the Paperwork Reduction Act: Technical Amendments" (FRL #6372-9), received July 1, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4068. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and