

Last year's tax cut bill was in the neighborhood of \$150 billion over 10 years. It was an \$80 billion over 5-year tax cut. That bill passed the House by a small margin, died in the Senate, never became law.

Here we are a year later, almost less than a year later, voting on a tax cut 5½ times as large as the one this House voted on less than a year ago.

Now you cannot tell me that the budget forecasts and the surplus estimates have changed that much in 1 year. Common sense would tell us that what we are talking about in this tax cut is fiscally irresponsible, and I want to thank the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. TANNER) for bringing this issue before the floor tonight and for his leadership as a member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues very much, and I want to thank you all for coming, and I want to thank the folks here for staying around and listening to us, and I think maybe we might ought to do this again sometime with some more charts, not to glaze people's eyes over, but just to tell them we believe that we ought to pay our debts first and then have a responsible tax cut as well as bolster our military, our health care system, our education system through what we said we would do for our veterans and for our agricultural sector that is in real trouble.

Mr. Speaker, with that I want to thank my colleagues.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. THURMAN of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family illness.

Mr. TOOMEY of Pennsylvania (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of family illness.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of medical reasons.

Mrs. FOWLER of Florida (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of medical reasons.

Mr. TAUZIN of Louisiana (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of personal reasons.

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. LAMPSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, July 20.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROHRABACHER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BEREUTER, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2035. An act to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, July 20, 1999, at 9 a.m., for morning hour debates.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports and amended reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for official foreign travel during the first quarter of 1999 by Committees of the House of Representatives, as well as a consolidated report of foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for speaker-authorized official travel during the second quarter of 1999, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, and for miscellaneous groups in connection with official foreign travel during the calendar year 1999 are as follows:

AMENDED REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1, AND MAR. 31, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total		
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	
Hon. Bill Archer .....	1/9	1/13	Chile .....								4,516.55	4,516.55
	1/13	1/16	Brazil .....								3,749.00	3,749.00
Committee total .....											8,265.55	8,265.55

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

BILL ARCHER, Chairman, June 21, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO WARSAW, POLAND, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN MAY 27, AND JUNE 1, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total		
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	
Hon. Doug Bereuter .....	5/28	6/1	Poland .....		1,385.00						1,385.00	1,385.00
Hon. Tom Bliley .....	5/28	6/1	Poland .....		1,385.00						1,385.00	1,385.00
Hon. Herb Bateman .....	5/28	6/1	Poland .....		1,385.00						1,385.00	1,385.00
Hon. Sherwood Boehlert .....	5/28	6/1	Poland .....		1,385.00						1,385.00	1,385.00
Hon. Ralph Regula .....	5/28	6/1	Poland .....		1,385.00						1,385.00	1,385.00
Hon. Marge Roukema .....	5/28	6/1	Poland .....		1,385.00						1,385.00	1,385.00
Hon. Porter Goss .....	5/28	6/1	Poland .....		1,385.00						1,385.00	1,385.00
Hon. Floyd Spence .....	5/28	6/1	Poland .....		1,385.00						1,385.00	1,385.00
Hon. Joel Hefley .....	5/28	6/1	Poland .....		1,385.00						1,385.00	1,385.00
Hon. Vernon Ehlers .....	5/28	6/1	Poland .....		1,385.00						1,385.00	1,385.00
Hon. Scott McInnis .....	5/28	6/1	Poland .....		1,385.00						1,385.00	1,385.00

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO WARSAW, POLAND, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN MAY 27, AND JUNE 1, 1999—  
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	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Roy Blunt	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Robert Borski	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Owen Pickett	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. John Tanner	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Nick Lampson	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Susan Olsson	5/27	6/1	Poland		1,440.00						1,440.00
Jo Weber	5/27	6/1	Poland		1,440.00						1,440.00
John Herzberg	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Jason Gross	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,235.00						1,235.00
Evan Field	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Robin Evans	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Linda Pedigo	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
David Goldston	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Ron Lasch	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Committee total					34,585.00						34,585.00

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
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DOUG BEREUTER, Chairman, June 29, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN MAY 27, AND JUNE 2, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Amory Houghton, Jr	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland				(3)	NA			
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom				(3)	NA			
Hon. Ben Cardin	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Hon. Michael McNulty	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Hon. Collin Peterson	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Hon. Jim Greenwood	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Hon. Alcee Hastings	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Hon. Eddie B. Johnson	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Hon. Julia Carson	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Hon. Jan Schakowsky	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Rev. Dr. James Ford	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Mr. Robert Van Wicklin	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Ms. Karen Donfried	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.00	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Mr. Chris Scheve	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Committee total					12,561.00						12,561.00

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.  
<sup>3</sup> Military air transportation.

AMORY HOUGHTON, Chairman, June 17, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1, AND JUNE 30, 1999

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Mr. Chadwick R. Gore		5/25	United States				5,297.32				5,297.32
	5/26	6/1	Armenia		972.00						972.00
Mr. Robert Hand		4/25	United States				1,891.02				1,891.02
	4/26	4/30	Poland		940.00						940.00
Ms. Janice Helwig		4/21	United States				3,717.68				3,717.68
	4/22	6/30	Austria		12,607.73						12,607.73
		5/5	Austria				4,597.00				4,597.00
	5/5	5/8	Kyrgyzstan		408.00						408.00
	5/8	5/12	Kazakstan		1,044.00						1,044.00
	5/12	5/17	Uzbekistan		1,354.25						1,354.25

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1, AND JUNE 30, 1999—Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Ms. Marlene Kaufmann	5/17	5/18	Turkmenistan		191.00						191.00
		4/21	United States				4,488.01				4,488.01
	4/22	4/24	Denmark		618.25						618.25
Mr. Michael Koby		5/24	United States				5,709.85				5,709.85
	5/25	5/28	Czech Republic		700.00						700.00
		3/1	United States				4,807.79				4,807.79
Ms. Karen Lord	3/2	3/6	Germany		850.00						850.00
		3/19	United States				2,955.72				2,955.72
	3/20	3/25	Austria		895.00						895.00
Mr. Michael Ochs	3/25	3/28	Belgium		928.00						928.00
	3/29	3/31	Germany		408.00						408.00
		4/7	France		1,278.00						1,278.00
		4/25	United States				4,746.69				4,746.69
	4/26	5/2	Poland		1,190.00						1,190.00
		5/25	United States				4,180.36				4,180.36
Ms. Erika Schlager			Armenia		924.00						924.00
			Georgia		2,004.00						2,004.00
			Azerbaijan		1,268.00						1,268.00
			Turkey		211.00						211.00
		6/8	United States				4,447.13				4,447.13
Ms Dorothy Douglas Taft	6/9	6/13	Romania		412.50						412.50
	6/13	6/18	Austria		865.00						865.00
Ms Maureen Walsh		4/27	United States				1,157.69				1,157.69
	4/28	5/5	Romania		562.50						562.50
Ms Maureen Walsh		4/26	United States				3,577.02				3,577.02
		5/5	Romania		322.84						322.84
	4/27	6/12	United States				4,309.13				4,309.13
	6/13	6/18	Austria		764.51						764.51
Committee total					31,718.58		55,882.41				87,600.99

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

CHRIS SMITH, Chairman, June 30, 1999.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3092. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Onion Crop Insurance Provisions—received June 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3093. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District [CA079-149; FRL-6363-2] received June 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3094. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Oregon, Correction of Effective Date under CRA [FRL-6363-6] received June 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3095. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Determination to Extend Deadline for Promulgation of Action on Section 126 Petitions [FRL-6363-5] received June 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3096. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Electronic Service of Documents—received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3097. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Revisions of Existing Regulations Governing the Filing of Applications for the Construction and Operation of Facilities to Provide Service or to Abandon Facilities or Service under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act—Docket No. RM98-9-000—received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3098. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS), Final Rule on OASIS Issues (RM98-3-000, Order No. 605) received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3099. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's report entitled "Annual Report to Congress—Progress on Superfund Implementation in Fiscal Year 1998," pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 9651; to the Committee on Commerce.

3100. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Israel for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 99-24), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3101. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment sold commercially under a contract to Egypt [Transmittal No. DTC 64-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3102. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Portugal [Transmittal No. DTC 16-99], pursuant

to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

3103. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for defense articles and defense services to Japan [Transmittal No. DTC 56-99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3104. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a supplemental report to ensure that the Congress is kept fully informed on continued U.S. contributions in support of peacekeeping efforts in the former Yugoslavia; (H. Doc. No. 106-100); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

3105. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning efforts made by the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies to employ an adequate number of Americans during 1998; to the Committee on International Relations.

3106. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the 38th Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the six-month period ending March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3107. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting a semiannual report on Office of Inspector General auditing activity, together with a report providing management's perspective on the implementation status of audit recommendations, pursuant to Public Law 100-504, section 104(a) (102 Stat. 2525); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3108. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Chairman's Semiannual Report on Final Action for the National Endowment for the Arts for the period of October 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.