This is what our commonsense conservative majority maintains should happen. Let us take two of those dollar bills and look them over to save social security and Medicare, and Mr. Speaker, we are left with this dollar bill, representing roughly $1 trillion of additional surplus.

We have a choice, Mr. Speaker. If we leave it in Washington, given the proclivities of our president and the tempations which he cannot withstand, that money will be spent. We believe, as the commonsense conservative majority, that the money belongs to the people who sent it here. It should go back to those people.

For my friends on the left to claim these are tax breaks for the wealthy, it is an interesting definition of wealthy. Apparently they think folks who make $40,000 a year are wealthy because those folks pay almost four times as much in taxes as the folks who earn $20,000 a year.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, and I thank my colleagues for joining me this evening. Just on a final note, the problem here in Washington is not revenue. In 1999 we will collect $1,821,000,000,000. By 2009 that will have increased by 50 percent; that government revenues, if we do not provide tax relief, will have increased to $2,725,000,000,000.

The problem in Washington is not revenue, the problem is we are collecting too much. We need to give tax relief and we need to control spending. We are not cutting spending, we are just slowing the growth, so Federal programs can continue. We just need to control our appetites here in Washington and secure America’s future by giving American families and American individuals some of their money back.

 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. POWER, at the request of Mr. ARMEY) until 1 p.m. today on account of official business at the Pentagon.

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. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:) Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COYNE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SMITH of Michigan) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:) Mr. TOOMEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, August 3.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KUYKENDALL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, July 30.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, for 5 minutes, July 28.

Mr. UPTON, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker’s table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 296. An act to provide for continuation of the Federal research investment in a fiscally sustainable way, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

S. 1402. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance programs providing education benefits for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs in addition to the Committee on Armed Services for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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

S. 604. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to complete a land exchange with Georgia Power Company.

S. 1258. An act to authorize funds for the payment of salaries and expenses of the Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

S. 1259. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 relating to dilution of famous marks, and for other purposes.

S. 1260. An act to make technical corrections in title 17, United States Code, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accorded to Mr. HOEKSTRA.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3233. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule implementing the Expanded Lender Program and Streamlining of Guaranteed Farm Loan Programs Loan Regulations; Correction (RIN: 0560–AF38) received July 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3234. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Mexican Fruit Fly Regulations; Repeal of Regulated Area (Docket No. 98–562–1) received July 23, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.


3236. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference [TX–92–75–1; FRL–6542–9] received June 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3237. A letter from the Acting Chief, Enforcement Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Amendment of Policies and Rules Concerning Operator Service Providers Call Completion Call Forwarding Call Diversion (CC Docket No. 94–158) received July 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3238. A letter from the Special Assistant Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, (Indian Springs, Nevada, Mountain Pass, California, Kingman, Arizona, St. George, Utah) [MM Docket No. 95–171 RM–8416 RM–9145] received July 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3239. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, (Lufkin, Texas) [MM Docket No. 98–125] (RM–9301) received July 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3240. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, (Genoa, Mt. Charleston, Mountain Pass, California, Kingman, Arizona, and Pollutants: Illinois [IL188–1a; FRL–6371–5] received June 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3241. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, (Llano, Texas) [MM Docket No. 98–125] (RM–9301) received July 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3242. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State,