

were able to receive only a total of \$39 divided among the 95 of them.

Now, I do not know how many people would believe that that was a fair distribution that would suggest that this tax cut was for the middle class. That is hardly a middle class tax cut. In fact, it is designed to make the already rich a great deal richer. And that the middle class, those people between incomes of \$20,000 and perhaps \$80,000 per year, would receive \$1 or \$2 a day, hardly a middle class tax cut.

But that is only a small part of the story. The rest of the story is what the Republican leadership makes impossible if this rich-get-very-much-richer bill were to become law. I forgot to bring the chart that I have here, but I will get it because I would like to show the American people what happens on just one issue, and that is the issue of the Nation's debt.

If this tax bill is passed, as it was passed in the House of Representatives, then it would be nearly impossible to reduce the Nation's debt. Let me show this chart. This chart shows where the present \$3.7 trillion of debt that is publicly held was created.

The first 38 presidents, from George Washington, our first president, through Mr. Ford, our 38th president, produced \$549 billion of debt. President Carter, in his 4 years, created an additional \$236 billion of debt. President Reagan created, in his 8 years, \$1.4 trillion. President Bush, \$1.1 trillion, and President Clinton, in his almost 7 years, an additional \$472 billion.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ABERCROMBIE (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of attending memorial service for the five soldiers whose plane crashed in Colombia.

Mrs. CLAYTON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) between 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. today on account of official business.

Mr. BILBRAY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical 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. OLVER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. ALLEN for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OLVER for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT for 5 minutes, August 4.

Mrs. MORELLA for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BRYANT for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas for 5 minutes, August 3.

Mr. DEMINT for 5 minutes, August 3.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan 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. 1468. An act to authorize the minting and issuance of Capitol Visitor Center Commemorative coins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, August 3, 1999, at 9 a.m., for morning hour debates.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3303. A letter from the the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e); (H. Doc. No. 106-108); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3304. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense; (H. Doc. No. 106-110); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

3305. A letter from the Comptroller, Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting notification of a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

3306. A letter from the Acquisition and Technology, Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the Performance of Commercial Activities for Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 nt.; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3307. A letter from the Personnel and Readiness, Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Department's Defense Manpower Requirements Report for FY 2000, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 115(b)(3)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3308. A letter from the Health Affairs, Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting a

report on TRICARE Head Injury Policy and Provider Network Adequacy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3309. A letter from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting notification of the decision to waive the limitations for the number of management headquarters and headquarters support activities staff in the Department of Defense as of October 1, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3310. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting notification of the approval of the retirement of General Dennis J. Reimer, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3311. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting notification that the Department of Defense intends to obligate up to \$438.4 million in FY 1999 funds to implement the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program under the FY 1999 Department of Defense Appropriations Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3312. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting notification of the approval of Lieutenant General John B. Hall, Jr., United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3313. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting notification of the approval of the retirement of Lieutenant General John A. Dubia, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3314. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting notification of the approval of the retirement of Lieutenant General Patrick M. Hughes, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3315. A letter from the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the annual report on the Resolution Funding Corporation for the calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3316. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (RIN: 0575-AC14) received June 14, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3317. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to China, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3318. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to Japan, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3319. A letter from the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting a report on the profitability of the credit card operations of depository institutions, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1637; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3320. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report on direct spending or receipts legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.

3321. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting Final Regulations Correction—Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities (RIN: