

for Social Security. One of the things that the President proposed in his plan was to invest about a fifth of the, quote, trust fund in equities. While that sounds very alluring, I think it is a very dangerous thing, because as Chairman Greenspan pointed out, you need to create a firewall between Social Security money and political forces in Washington.

Mr. COBURN. That is exactly what we are trying to do. We are trying to say, it is time to be honest, it is time to be straight, it is time to get the hands off the Social Security money that is there and start working on a solvable solution for it, but not use it to expand the government and compound the problem associated with Social Security for the future. Remember, in 2013 we are going to be coming back, somebody is going to be coming back—I am not—to the American public and if we have not done our job in this Congress about walling off the Social Security money, we are going to be asking people to cough up a ton more money, regardless of what the economic conditions are. We are going to have to do it to meet the commitments to the seniors that are out there at that time. So we have to start. We have to start today. We have to start this year, this session of this Congress and not let anybody steal the first penny from Social Security for any program.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. The gentleman just brought up education. As he well knows over the last 2 years we have had the opportunity to go to 17 different States and take a look at the Department of Education, 760 education programs, 39 different agencies. For every dollar we spend on education, 30 to 35 cents of it stays in Washington, never gets to a child, never gets to a classroom, never gets to the local level where a parent, a school board, a teacher can say, "Let's spend this money in this way to help our kids achieve academic excellence, to get them to be able to do reading and writing and math." The problem is not that we do not have enough money here in Washington for education. The problem is that we are keeping too much of that money here in Washington. We debated a bill today that just said we are going to give some level of flexibility to local school boards, to State governments, to take this money to get rid of red tape, to get rid of the abuse and to make this system more efficient so that rather than throwing more dollars into an inefficient system, let us make the system efficient so we can get 95 cents of every dollar into the classroom rather than the current 65 to 70 cents.

Mr. COBURN. Let me just summarize. We have about 30 seconds left. A surplus is a surplus is a surplus if it reduces the debt, reduces the debt, reduces the debt. We need to not allow

anyone to spend the first dollar of Social Security on anything other than Social Security. I hope the American public can understand what we are trying to do here is to get truth-in-government back in terms of the budgeting process, so that we can start the process of saving Social Security. We will never start that process until we make the firewall and get our hands off the money that is coming in today.

Does the gentleman from South Carolina have any closing comments?

Mr. SANFORD. No, but I will see the gentleman back on the floor tomorrow morning.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. I thank the gentleman for taking the time to do this and look forward to continuing this dialogue.

Mr. COBURN. I appreciate the gentleman's help.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. CAPPS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of family illness.

Mr. FROST (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of surgery.

Mr. SHERMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of illness.

Mr. MINGE (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of illness.

Mr. BILBRAY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week 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 Ms. NORTON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

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

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RUSH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. SHIMKUS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINNIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. WILSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today and on March 11.

Mr. FOSSELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEMINT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WELLER, 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 were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 882. An act to nullify any reservation of funds during fiscal year 1999 for guaranteed loans under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for qualified beginning farmers or ranchers, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 11, 1999, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

[Omitted from the Record of December 17, 1998]

A letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting list of reports pursuant to clause 2, rule III of the Rules of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Rule III, clause 2, of the Rules of the House. (H. Doc. No. 105-330); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

[Omitted from the Record of January 6, 1999]

A letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting list of reports pursuant to clause 2, rule III of the Rules of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Rule III, clause 2, of the Rules of the House. (H. Doc. No. 106-37); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

[Submitted March 10, 1999]

958. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 1998-99 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV99-982-1 IFR] received March 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

959. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin; Additional Option for Handler Diversion and Receipt of Diversion Credits [Docket No. FV99-930-1 IFR] received March 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

960. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Increase in Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV99-989-2 IFR] received March 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

961. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Relaxations to Substandard and Maturity Dockage Systems [FV99-989-1 FIR] received March 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

962. A letter from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Office's final rule—Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Provider Certification Requirements—Corporate Services Provider Class (RIN: 0720-AA27) received March 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

963. A letter from the AMD-Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Private Land Mobile Radio Services [WT Docket No. 97-153] (RM-8584, RM-8623, RM-8680, RM-8734) received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

964. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Publication or Submission of Quotations Without Specified Information [Release No. 34-41110; File No. S7-5-99] (RIN: 3235-AH40) received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

965. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Registration of Securities on Form S-8 [Release No. 33-7646, 34-41109; File No. S7-2-98] (RIN: 3235-AG94) received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

966. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Management Report of the Inspector General for the 6-month period ending September 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

967. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Postal Service, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Postal Service management response to the report for the period ending September 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

968. A letter from the Executive Director, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the SEC's Government Performance and Results Act Annual Performance Plan for fiscal 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

970. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Utah Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan [SPATS No. UT-032-FOR] received February 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

971. A letter from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmit-

ting the Administration's final rule—Atlantic Sturgeon Fishery; Moratorium in Exclusive Economic Zone [Docket No. 990119023-9023-01; I.D. 111898B] (RIN: 0648-AL38) received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

972. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock by Vessels Catching Pollock for Processing by the Mothership Component in the Bering Sea Subarea [Docket No. 981021264-9016-02; I.D. 021799A] received February 26, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

973. A letter from the Marshal of the Court, Supreme Court, transmitting the Annual Report of the Marshal of the Supreme Court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

974. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendments to Regulations Governing Restrictive Foreign Shipping Practices, and New Regulations Governing Controlled Carriers [Docket No. 98-25] received February 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. TALENT: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 774. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to change the conditions of participation and provide an authorization of appropriations for the women's business center program (Rept. 106-47). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 103. Resolution providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 42) regarding the use of United States Armed Forces as part of a NATO peacekeeping operation implementing a Kosovo peace agreement (Rept. 106-48). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 104. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 819) to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 (Rept. 106-49). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. JACKSON of Illinois (for himself, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Ms. LEE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. CARSON, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. WYNN, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. HILL-

IARD, Mr. FALOMAVAEGA, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. STARK, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Ms. BERKLEY):

H.R. 1048. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to make such title fully applicable to the judicial branch of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLAGOJEVICH:

H.R. 1049. A bill to authorize an individual or the estate of an individual who has suffered damages from the discharge of a firearm to bring a civil action in a district court of the United States against the manufacturer, distributor, or retailer of the firearm for such damages if the firearm had been in interstate commerce and the firearm's manufacturer, distributor, or retailer was negligent in its manufacture, distribution, or sale and also to bring such action on behalf of the political subdivision and State in which such individual resides to recover the healthcare and law enforcement costs of the State or political subdivision arising out of the discharge of firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LEE (for herself, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BROWN of California, Ms. CARSON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. STARK, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. OLVER, and Mr. FTLNER):

H.R. 1050. A bill to establish a living wage, jobs for all policy by instituting overall planning to develop those living wage job opportunities essential to fulfillment of basic rights and responsibilities in a healthy democratic society; by facilitating conversion from unneeded military programs to civilian activities that meet important human needs; by producing a Federal capital budget through appropriate distinctions between operating and investment outlays; and by reducing poverty, violence, and the undue concentration of income, wealth, and power, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, Armed Services, and Rules, 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.

By Mr. COYNE:

H.R. 1051. A bill to eliminate the fees for Federal administration of State supplementary SSI payments; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DUNCAN:

H.R. 1052. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, relating to civil penalties for unruly passengers of air carriers; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 1053. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to repeal the provisions prohibiting persons convicted of drug offenses from receiving student financial assistance; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.