

He wrote his first budget in 1989. Now, you have got to remember back to what this was like. Here he is a junior Member of Congress coming in and having the audacity to say, I can write my own budget. This is something that was reserved for the President of the United States, for the majority party only, maybe for the Budget Committee but certainly not a junior member to come in and say, "I can do it better than you can." And almost like the movie "Dave" that maybe some Members have seen, he went through line item by line item and outlined exactly what that budget ought to look like.

Well, I was not here in 1989. Maybe I would have helped support him. My guess is the Speaker pro tem would have as well. He only got about 30 votes for his first budget. But from that seed grew a very mighty vision for the future. He took that seed and not only became a leader, took over the Budget Committee and then with the rest of us in 1995, 1996 and 1997 worked as hard as he could to bring that vision to a reality. My daughter Sarah and my son Mark are the recipients of his leadership in a number of different ways but probably most importantly because as we have balanced the budget, we have been able to now reduce by putting 90 percent of that surplus toward the national debt, we are going to be able to let them know that by the end of this year we have reduced the national debt by \$354 billion.

Can we do better? You bet we can. We are going to continue that work if we have the honor and the ability in the majority to go on next year, and there is more work we need to do, even though JOHN KASICH will not be here. But he has laid a foundation that is second to none. The Members of the Budget Committee as well as the Members of the Ohio delegation led by Ralph Regula, the dean of the delegation, wish to express our gratitude on behalf of all of us in Congress for the great leadership that JOHN KASICH has provided. He will go on with his two twin daughters and his wife Karen to bigger and better things, we have no doubt. As the old adage around here goes that only Members seem know, that as soon as you are a former Member, you are forgotten. That may be true for some, but my guess is that JOHN KASICH's legacy will ring true in this House of Representatives for many years to come. I count him as one of my friends. I count him as a mentor. He will be sorely missed. We respect his tenure.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to add my accolades for my Ohio colleague, JOHN KASICH. JOHN has been a member of the Ohio delegation of this body for the past 18 years. As dean of the Ohio delegation, I have worked with JOHN on numerous issues of importance to the State of Ohio. He always brought his determination to help people with his unflinching enthusiasm to the task at hand.

Throughout this time he has played an important role in leading this nation toward sound budgeting and fiscal responsibility. When JOHN assumed the chairmanship of the Budget Committee, he was determined to reduce the size, scope and intrusiveness of government in people's lives. To do this required skillful use of the reconciliation feature of the Budget Act.

As JOHN's fellow Budget Committee members have attested, he brought a single-mindedness of purpose of the job. His was not a reactive approach, but proactive one, annually proposing his own budget alternatives to those of the White House. While he presided over the Committee, our budgets have gone from perennial deficits to annual surpluses.

His steadfast leadership of the House Budget Committee has educated many of our constituents across the country on the budget process and its effects on us all. We owe a great debt of appreciation to JOHN for his dedication to this effort and for the positive outcome which has resulted. The impacts a balanced federal budget have on our economy and our ability to prosper individually and as a nation are truly the result of this dedication.

And JOHN has accomplished this with his own special flair. Who else could negotiate budget numbers with the White House one day and start a book signing tour the next, run for President, and hang out with rock stars.

Now JOHN embarks on a new phase of his life. I am certain that it will be as rewarding as his congressional career has been. As a husband and father of twins, JOHN will have many important projects of both a personal and professional nature.

JOHN, as you leave this institution for other endeavors, we wish much success and happiness to you, your wife Karen, and your beautiful twin daughters, Reece and Emma.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE BOB WEYGAND ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. SANCHEZ) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, tonight I would like to talk just a few minutes about BOB WEYGAND, a good friend of mine here in the House and a great Representative for the Second District of Rhode Island. I know that many of my colleagues share my sadness that he will be leaving the House of Representatives. As my colleagues know, he is running for the United States Senate.

The gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. WEYGAND) is no stranger to public service. He began his public service in 1978 when he became a member of the East Providence Planning Board and became its chairman in 1979. In 1984 he was elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives, representing at that time District 84. He was also named the Legislator of the Year in 1988. BOB stayed in the General Assembly until 1993, serving on a number of committees, including the House Cor-

porations Committee on which he was the chairman.

It was during his time as a State representative that BOB helped to write Rhode Island's land use laws which have been recognized nationally as state of the art with respect to land planning and the most progressive and forward thinking types of laws in this country.

BOB was elected lieutenant governor of Rhode Island in 1992 and he was the chairman of the Long Term Coordination Council and he authored legislation to protect the elderly and to improve access for long-term health care.

The gentleman from Rhode Island was elected to the U.S. House, to this House, in 1996. He came in on January 7, 1997, the same day that I came to this House Chamber. We soon became good friends. As a Member of the Congress, BOB was chosen as our freshman president his first year here. The gentleman from Rhode Island serves on the House Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

He is a landscape architect by trade. That is why he has worked so hard as one of the cochairman of the Livable Communities Caucus that we have here in the House. He has brought to Congress a new way to look at our communities and our physical environment, and I have had the opportunity to work with him over and over again in the caucus where we look at the land use planning of many of our cities.

Those who know BOB well know he is a man of honesty and integrity, and I am proud to call him my friend.

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These qualities are probably best exemplified in his role in uncovering an extensive corruption operation in the city of Pawtucket in 1991. You see *Bob* was a landscape architect, and he had won a contract for that city to redo a general open space, a park, if you will, and one of the things that happened is when he went in to see the mayor to work on this project, the mayor had a little scheme of how he might divide up the funds.

Now, most of us having won a project like that might turn away and say to the mayor, thank you very much, I do not really need this after all, let me just forget I have ever met you, but not BOB. BOB actually picked up the phone that night and called the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

BOB subsequently worked with them in conducting an elaborate undercover operation. Mr. Speaker, he wore a wire for many months putting his family, his wife, Fran, and their three children at great danger, but he felt it was important that he get the information. And because of what he did, putting away corrupt public officials in Rhode Island, BOB won the FBI's Award for Exceptional Public Service, the first

time that that was awarded to a private citizen. It is a prestigious honor. He also was recognized with the Rhode Island Distinguished Service Star.

I know that as he leaves the House to pursue the opportunity to represent all Rhode Islanders, that his friends and colleagues thank him for the work that he has done here and wish him well in the future.

Mr. Speaker, Rhode Island will be very, very happy to have a great Senator when they elect BOB WEYGAND on November 7.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the career of one of Rhode Island's dedicated public officials, Representative BOB WEYGAND. BOB is being honored tonight with this special order as he gets ready to leave the House of Representatives after two terms of public service.

BOB is a life-time Rhode Island resident and proud graduate of the University of Rhode Island. Since his appointment to the East Providence Planning Board in 1978 he has served R.I. in varying capacities, including as a member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives and as R.I.'s Lieutenant Governor.

BOB's career accomplishments include the areas of small business, and senior citizens, in particular. He proudly served our State as a presidential delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business and at the White House Conference on Aging. He has served the people of the Second District of Rhode Island well over the past four years. BOB currently sits on the Banking and Financial Services Committee and the Budget Committee. He has fought in the Congress for proposals to bring down the cost of prescription drugs for seniors. He has sponsored a bill to protect our Nation's seniors from criminal scams. BOB has also been a staunch advocate for FDA regulation of tobacco products and for programs to prevent children from smoking.

Again, it is my pleasure to pay tribute to Congressman WEYGAND this evening. I wish BOB, his wife Fran and their three children the very best in the future.

GENERAL LEAVE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COBURN). Without objection, all Members may revise and extend their remarks on the subject of the special order of the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SANCHEZ).

There was no objection.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CROWLEY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family business.

Mr. BILBRAY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 6:30 p.m. and the balance of the week on account of attending a funeral.

Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for October 18 through October 26 on account of preparing for hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency.

Mrs. FOWLER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 6:00 p.m. 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 Ms. BROWN of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

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

Mr. ETHERIDGE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BACA, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KILPATRICK, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PHELPS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CHAMBLISS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, October 27.

Mr. BUYER, for 5 minutes, October 27.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, for 5 minutes, October 27.

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

Ms. SANCHEZ, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS AND A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

S. 783. An act to limit access to body armor by violent felons and to facilitate the donation of Federal surplus body armor to State and local law enforcement agencies, to the Committee on the Judiciary; in addition to the Committee on Government Reform 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.

S. 1898. An act to provide protection against the risks to the public that are inherent in the interstate transportation of violent prisoners; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 3137. An act to establish a commission to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of James Madison; to the Committee on Government Reform.

S. 3239. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide special immigrant status for certain United States international broadcasting employees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Con. Res. 153. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect

to the parliamentary elections held in Belarus on October 15, 2000, and for other purposes; the Committee on International Relations.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

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

H.J. Res. 116. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

On October 25, 2000:

H.J. Res. 115. Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

On October 26, 2000:

H.R. 468. To establish the Saint Helena Island National Scenic Area.

H.R. 1725. To provide for the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management to Douglas County, Oregon, of a county park and certain adjacent land.

H.R. 2442. To provide for the preparation of a Government report detailing injustices suffered by Italian Americans during World War II, and a formal acknowledgement of such injustices by the President.

H.R. 3646. For the relief of certain Persian Gulf evacuees.

H.R. 3657. To provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of public domain land in the San Bernardino National Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3679. To provide for the minting of commemorative coins to support the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games and the Programs of the United States Olympic Committee.

H.R. 4315. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3695 Green Road in Beachwood, Ohio, as the "Larry Small Post Office Building".

H.R. 4450. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 900 East Fayette Street in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Judge Harry Augustus Cole Post Office Building".

H.R. 4451. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1001 Frederick Road in Baltimore, Maryland, as the Frederick L. Dewberry, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 4625. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2108 East 38th Street in Erie, Pennsylvania, as the "Gertrude A. Barber Post Office Building".

H.R. 4786. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Postal Way in Carrollton, Georgia, as the "Samuel P. Roberts Post Office Building".

H.R. 4831. To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2339