

throughout 1992. And tens of millions more have inadequate insurance or risk becoming uninsured should they lose their jobs. Meanwhile health care costs continue to climb, increasing premiums and medical bills for American families and aggravating budget crises at all levels of government. Both the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office have concluded that unless the system is reformed, rising health care costs will begin pushing the Federal budget deficit back upward as this century comes to a close.

Piecemeal approaches to solving our health care crisis will not work. If we simply squeeze harder on Federal health spending, without attempting systemwide reform, more of the costs of covering health services guaranteed by the government will be shifted to the private sector, and medical care for the elderly, the disadvantaged, and the disabled will be put at risk. Similarly, if we attempt to provide universal coverage without complementary measures to improve competition and sharpen incentives for cost-conscious decisions, costs will continue to escalate.

Our health care reform proposal, while bold and comprehensive, builds on the strengths of our current, market-based system. Our approach preserves consumer choice and our largely employer-based private insurance arrangements. It relies on market competition and private incentives, not price controls and bureaucracy, to provide health security for all Americans, to rein in health care costs, and to solve our long-run budget deficit problem.

OPENING FOREIGN MARKETS

Raising the living standards of all Americans is the fundamental economic goal of my Administration. That is why all of our initiatives in international trade share a common purpose: to open markets and promote American exports. This emphasis on exports is driven by two simple facts. First, America is part of an increasingly integrated world economy and must adapt to this new reality if we are to stay on top. There is simply no way to close our borders and return to the insular days of the 1950s. To try to do so would be an exercise in futility, doomed not only to fail but to lower living standards in the process. Second, export industries offer the kind of high-wage, high-skill jobs the country needs. By shifting production toward more exports, we will shift the composition of employment toward better jobs. In short, to realize our goal of higher living standards for all Americans, we must compete, not retreat.

The year just past will go down in the history books as a watershed for trade liberalization. With your help, we enacted the North American Free Trade Agreement, which links the United States, Canada, and Mexico together in the world's largest marketplace. We also successfully completed the Uruguay Round of the General

Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which promises to add as much as \$100 billion to \$200 billion to the Nation's output by the end of a decade. And we are now on a course of increasing trade and investment liberalization with the rapidly growing economies of East Asia and the Pacific, which will be a major source of new export opportunities for American products in the coming years. At home we have eliminated much of our export control system and have rationalized our export promotion activities to help our producers, workers, and farmers increase their sales around the world.

IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF GOVERNMENT

My Administration is committed to improving the Federal government's efficiency across the board. The National Performance Review (NPR), completed under the bold leadership of Vice President Gore, provides a road map for what must be done. The NPR's report shows how substantial budgetary savings can be realized by making existing programs more efficient and cutting those that are no longer necessary. As a result of our efforts to reinvent how the government performs, we will reduce the Federal bureaucracy by 252,000 positions, bringing it down to the lowest level in decades.

My Administration is also committed to reducing the burden of government regulations by improving the regulatory review process. My Executive Order on Regulatory Planning and Review requires that all new regulations carefully balance costs and benefits, that only those regulations whose benefits exceed their costs be adopted, and that in each case the most cost-effective regulations be chosen.

This year we will also work with the Congress to develop the new regulatory framework required to encourage the development of the national information superhighway. We must cooperate with the private sector to connect every classroom, every library, and every hospital in America to this highway by the year 2000. Rapid access to the most advanced information available will increase productivity and living standards, help to educate our children, and help health providers improve medical care for our citizens.

THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

An economic strategy built on long-run investments will not bear fruit overnight. But there are already signs that our policy initiatives are beginning to pay off. Prospects for sustained economic expansion look far brighter now than they did a year ago, when my Administration first asked for your support. Growth of real gross domestic product increased steadily over the course of 1993, and the economic expansion has continued into 1994. Consumer spending should remain healthy because of continued gains in employment and output, and investment spending should remain strong because of low long-term interest rates and in-

creasing levels of demand. Low interest rates will also continue to support the recent expansion in residential construction. The Administration forecasts that the economy will grow at 3 percent in 1994 and will remain on track to create 8 million jobs over 4 years.

As 1994 begins, our economy is strong and growing stronger. With continued deficit reduction, more public investment, a reformed health care system, increased exports, and a reinvented government, we can create the foundations for an even more prosperous America.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 14, 1994.*

By unanimous consent, the communication was referred to the Joint Economic Committee and ordered printed (H. Doc. 103-178).

¶12.19 ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. ROSE, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker.

H.R. 2339. An Act to revise and extend the programs of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1988, and for other purposes.

¶12.20 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to Mr. BLACKWELL, for today before 2:30 p.m.

And then,

¶12.21 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. JEFFERSON, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 7 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m., Thursday, February 24, 1994.

¶12.22 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. BEILENSEN: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 366. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6) to extend for 6 years the authorizations of appropriations for the programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and for certain other purposes (Rept. No. 103-426). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶12.23 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. TAUZIN (for himself, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. HAYES, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. STUMP, Mr. POMBO, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. HUTTO, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mrs. BENTLEY, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. DANNER, Mr. PICKETT, and Mr. PACKARD):

H.R. 3875. To require certain Federal agencies to protect the rights of private property owners; jointly, to the Committees on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, Public Works and Transportation, and the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. PENNY):

H.R. 3876. A bill to set forth the appropriate budgetary treatment of the health reform program; to the Committee on Government Operations.

By Ms. BYRNE:

H.R. 3877. A bill to provide grants to States which comply with certain requirements; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COOPER (for himself, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. TANNER, Mr. GORDON, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. QUILLEN, Mr. FORD of Tennessee, Mrs. LLOYD, and Mr. SUNDQUIST):

H.R. 3878. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a requirement of informed consent regarding the use of human subjects in research conducted or supported by the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. WISE, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KOPETSKI, Mr. VOLKMER, Mr. MCCLOSKEY, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. HAMBURG, Mr. SABO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. COPPERSMITH, Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, Mr. TORRES, Mr. FAZIO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. OLVER, Mr. HOYER, Mrs. MORELLA, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. BLACKWELL, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. REED, Mr. KREIDLER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FARR, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. SKAGGS, Ms. WATERS, Ms. ENGLISH of Arizona, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. CLEMENT, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SAWYER, Mrs. UNSOELD, Ms. SHEPHERD, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. BACCHUS of Florida, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. LEACH, and Mr. KLECZKA):

H.R. 3879. A bill to authorize the minting of coins to commemorate the 1995 Special Olympics World Games; to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DICKEY (for himself, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. TALENT, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. BACHUS of Alabama, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. LINDER, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. PENNY, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. BOEHNER):

H.R. 3880. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from finding that a State Medicaid plan is not in compliance with title XIX of the Social Security Act solely on the grounds that the plan does not cover abortions for pregnancies resulting from an act of rape or incest if coverage for such abortions is inconsistent with State law; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DUNCAN:

H.R. 3881. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to eliminate restrictions on providing financial assistance to small business concerns engaged in media-related industries; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. GALLO (for himself, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr.

SAXTON, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. EWING, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. RIDGE, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. CANADY, Mr. TALENT, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. MACHTLEY):

H.R. 3882. A bill to require the President to consider the job impact of comprehensive health care reform legislation before such legislation takes effect; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. LEVY (for himself, Mr. QUINN, Mr. KING, Mr. LAZIO, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. GILMAN, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. PAXON, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. WALSH, Mr. FISH, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. MACHTLEY, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. TORKILDSEN, and Mr. DIAZ-BALART):

H.R. 3883. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the interstate transportation of a firearm with the intent to commit a violent crime, and to impose the death penalty for a violation that results in death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MALONEY:

H.R. 3884. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to require, as a condition of receiving Federal funds for foster care and adoption assistance, that States require State agencies, in considering applications to adopt certain foster children, to give preference to applications of a foster parent or caretaker relative of the child; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MOAKLEY:

H.R. 3885. A bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate fire safety standards for cigarettes and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ORTIZ:

H.R. 3886. A bill to amend the boundaries of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary; to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

H.R. 3887. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to convey the vessel U.S.S. *Sphinx* to the Rio Grande Military Museum for use as a military museum; to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

By Mrs. ROUKEMA:

H.R. 3888. A bill to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to improve the programs for public and Indian housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SOLOMON:

H.R. 3889. A bill to amend the chapter 15 of title 5, United States Code, to eliminate the provision prohibiting certain State and local employees from seeking elective office; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. SCHAEFER (for himself, Mr. VENTO, Mr. BEILENSON, Mr. BEVILL, Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. DUNN, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. FARR, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Ms. FURSE, Mr. GORDON, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. KASICH, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. KLEIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MURTHA, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. REGULA, Mr. SLATTERY, Mr. SYNAR, Mr. THOMAS of Wyoming, Mrs. UNSOELD, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WOLF, and Mr. UNDERWOOD):

H.J. Res. 327. Joint resolution to designate June 4, 1994, as "National Trails Day"; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

By Mr. JACOBS:

H. Con. Res. 208. Concurrent resolution declaring the sense of Congress regarding periods of silence in the public schools; jointly, to the Committees on the Judiciary and Education and Labor.

By Mrs. KENNELLY (for herself, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. FOGLETTA, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. OWENS, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. WATERS, Mr. FROST, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. FURSE, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ and, Mr. WASHINGTON):

H. Con. Res. 209. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that any comprehensive health care reform legislation that is enacted should provide for annual screenings of children under 6 years of age for lead poisoning; jointly, to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey, Mrs. MALONEY, and Mr. DEUTSCH):

H. Con. Res. 210. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should not have granted diplomatic recognition to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. DINGELL:

H. Res. 367. Resolution providing amounts from the contingent fund of the House for expenses of investigations and studies by the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the 2d session of the 103d Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. TOWNS (for himself, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mrs. VUCANOVICH):

H. Res. 368. Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the inclusion in any comprehensive benefits package under health care reform of mammography screenings for women under the age of 50; jointly, to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

¶12.24 MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

287. By the SPEAKER: Memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Iowa, relative to the renewable oxygenate standard; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

288. Also, memorial of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, relative to the redefinition of the political formula of Commonwealth; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

289. Also, memorial of the Senate of the State of West Virginia, relative to the adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

290. Also, memorial of the House of Delegates of the State of West Virginia, relative to the adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

¶12.25 PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, private bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. LEVY:

H.R. 3890. A bill to renew design patent numbered 251,990, relating to a word game board, for a period of 10 years; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TEJEDA:

H.R. 3891. A bill to waive certain time limitations with respect to awarding the Medal of Honor to Rudolph Salais Vela; to the Committee on Armed Services.