

and expanded Individual Retirement Accounts to encourage saving and enable families to cope with unforeseen problems. I am also proposing to ensure that homeowners do not have to pay capital gains taxes on 99 percent of all homes sales. My tax plan would promote the hiring of long-term welfare recipients in order to help move people from welfare to work, restore the tax credit that encourages business research and development, and expand tax credits for Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities. And it would help finance my tax relief by eliminating unwarranted tax loopholes and preferences.

On the international front, we must continue to project our leadership abroad while we advance our national goals. With the Cold War over, we have a great opportunity to expand democracy overseas, but we will have a much better chance to succeed if we fulfill our international commitments. In this budget, I am proposing that we pay our arrears to the United Nations and other international organizations, so that our leadership is not undermined at this crucial time. But I will also insist that these institutions control their budgets and enact the reforms that our Government and others have called for. In addition, we must continue our support for Russia and the New Independent States of the Soviet Union as they make the difficult transition to free markets and democracy, and we must be prepared to do whatever we can to advance the difficult, but vital, peace process in the Middle East. A strong, coherent foreign policy also will help us further our progress in opening markets abroad, and my budget proposes strong, continued support for the Federal efforts that help to expand exports.

Finally, our goals both at home and abroad must rest on the firm foundation of a strong national defense. It is a strong defense that safeguards our interests, prevents conflict, and secures the peace. We must ensure that our armed forces are highly ready and armed with the best equipment that technology can provide. They must be prepared and trained for the new threats to our security—from the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, to ethnic and regional conflicts, to terrorism and drug trafficking that directly threaten our free and open society. My budget continues to sustain and modernize the world's strongest and most ready military force, a force capable of prevailing in two nearly simultaneous regional conflicts. It fully funds our commitment to maintain the highest levels of training and readiness, and to equip our uniformed men and women with the most advanced technologies in the world. We must never fall short when it comes to defense.

CONCLUSION

Our policies are working. By dramatically cutting the deficit and investing in the future, we have helped to spur four years of strong economic

growth, providing vast new opportunities for millions of Americans. Jobs, incomes, savings, investment, exports, and homeownership are all up. Crime, poverty, teen pregnancy, and inequality are all down. Clearly, we are moving in the right direction.

But our work is not done. For too long, the Federal Government has spent much more than it received, creating deficits that cast doubt on both our economic future and our ability to govern. In the last four years, we have made huge progress, cutting the deficit by nearly two-thirds. I urge Congress to help me finish the job and balance the budget by 2002—giving the American people the balanced budget they deserve.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

February 6, 1997.

By unanimous consent, the message was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-3).

¶7.10 ADJOURNMENT OVER

On motion of Mr. SNOWBARGER, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, February 10, 1997, at 2 o'clock p.m.

¶7.11 HOUR OF MEETING

On motion of Mr. SNOWBARGER, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns on Monday, February 10, 1997, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 1997, for "morning-hour debate".

¶7.12 CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. SNOWBARGER, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That business in order for consideration on Wednesday, February 12, 1997, under clause 7, rule XXIV, the Calendar Wednesday rule, be dispensed with.

And then,

¶7.13 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. OWENS, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 11 o'clock and 28 minutes a.m., the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday, February 10, 1997.

¶7.14 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. CANADY: Committee on the Judiciary. House Joint Resolution 2. Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of office of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives (Rept. No. 105-2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶7.15 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolu-

tions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself, Mr. OXLEY, and Mr. MANTON):

H.R. 624. A bill to amend the Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Act of 1993 to clarify certain requirements and to improve the flow of interstate commerce; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. STARK, Mr. SHAW, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. COBURN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. LEACH, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. GORDON, Mr. WAXMAN, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. MILLER of California, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. OLVER, Mr. DELLUMS, Ms. LOFGREEN, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. NEY, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. KLINK, Mr. RUSH, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. GREEN, Ms. FURSE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. FROST, Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. MANTON):

H.R. 625. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide additional consumer protections for Medicare supplemental insurance; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, and Mr. FALCOMA):

H.R. 626. A bill to provide Federal housing assistance to native Hawaiians; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Mr. KIM, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii):

H.R. 627. A bill to establish a visa waiver pilot program for nationals of Korea who are traveling in tour groups to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Ms. HARMAN, and Mr. FROST):

H.R. 628. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore a 100-percent deduction for business meals and entertainment and the deduction for the travel expenses of spouses and others accompanying the taxpayer on business; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARTON of Texas (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. DELAY, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GREEN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. TURNER, Mr. NORWOOD, and Mr. BURR of North Carolina):

H.R. 629. A bill to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BILBRAY (for himself, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. TORRES, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. FILNER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. HERGER, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. DOOLEY of California, and Mr. COX of California):

H.R. 630. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to permit the exclusive application of California State regulations regarding reformu-