

thing, and it is equally as important, we are trying to transform the social and corporate welfare state into an opportunity society.

This is not easy; if it was easy, it would have been done a long time ago. It is not popular, or it would have been done a long time ago. We are determined to balance our Federal budget, but we are doing it, in many cases, by slowing the growth of spending. We are still allowing programs to grow.

The earned income tax credit, which some of my colleagues on the other side accuse us of wanting to cut, we are going to have it grow from \$19.8 billion to \$27.5 billion. The school lunch program we are going to have grow from \$6.3 billion to over \$8 billion. The student loan program is going to grow from \$24.5 billion to \$36 billion, a 50-percent increase in the student loan. Students are going to grow in the next 5 years from 6.7 million students to 8.4 million. It is a growing program. Medicaid is going to grow from \$89.2 billion to \$124.3 billion, and Medicare is going to grow from \$178 billion to \$273 billion. Only in this Chamber and in Washington, when you spend so much more money, do people call it a cut. We are spending more money.

I really appreciate and I really want to thank the Washington Post. It is nice to have a paper that has been pretty hard on us recognizing that the real default is not in this Chamber, it is by the White House, in failing to want to participate in this effort.

When Leon Panetta was a Member of this Chamber, he said, "The only way you are going to control the spending in Congress and our Federal budget is to control the growth of entitlements." We are taking on entitlements. It is not an easy thing to do. No complaints. I am proud of it. I am happy to go to my constituents and explain what we are doing. For instance, with Medicare, we have no copayment increase, no deduction increase. We are allowing the premium to stay at 31.5 percent. The taxpayers will continue to pay 68.5 percent.

We are allowing individuals to stay in their private fee-for-service system that has gone from the 1960's on up, this Blue Cross-Blue Shield program. We are allowing them to stay there, but we are also going to give them a Medi-Plus program. They can get better service if they get into private care. If they leave and get private care and it turns out they do not like it, they have the opportunity every month for the next 24 months to get back into the traditional Medicare program. My point is, I am so proud of what this Republican majority is doing when it comes to dealing with the budget.

Now, would I like the President to weigh in? Yes. I want him to agree to a 7-year balanced budget. But I am not saying he has to agree to our priorities. If he wants to put more money in urban areas, frankly, I hope he does. I would like to join him in that effort. If he thinks that our tax cut should be

slightly different, then I hope he does. I would be happy to assist him in that effort.

The bottom line, Mr. Speaker, is that we are going to get our financial house in order, with or without the President's help, but it would be a lot easier with his help.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. RIGGS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. RIGGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mrs. THURMAN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mrs. THURMAN addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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. FRANK of Massachusetts) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CLYBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. THOMPSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. THURMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. KIM, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LONGLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROYCE, for 5 minutes, on November 17.

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

Mr. SHAYS, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) and to include extraneous matter:)

Miss COLLINS of Michigan.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. HOYER.

Mrs. MALONEY.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Mr. TRAFICANT.

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

Mr. GEJDENSON.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois.

Mr. SANDERS.

Mr. PALLONE.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DUNCAN) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. DAVIS.

Mr. SHAW.

Mr. FUNDERBURK.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. CRANE.

Mr. FIELDS of Texas.

Mr. SCHAEFER.

Mr. RAMSTAD.

Mr. HORN.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SHARP) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. HEINEMAN.

Mr. PAYNE of Virginia.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. CAMP.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, November 17, 1995, at 9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1690. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to the United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96-13), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

1691. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a report stating that on November 13, 1995, the deaths of five Americans were caused by a major explosion which occurred in the parking lot of the headquarters, Office of the Program Management-Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program [OPM-SANG], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761(c)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

1692. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-147, "Safe Streets Anti-Prostitution Temporary Amendment Act of 1995" pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 272. Resolution authorizing a specified correction in the form of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R.