

That's right, MS, for the fourth time in five years this Administration has missed its legally required deadline to submit a budget.

The Budget Act of 1974 says: "On or after the first Monday in January but not later than the first Monday in February of each year, the President shall submit a budget of the United States Government for the following fiscal year."

But once again the White House ignores laws it doesn't like.

Ironically, the Administration missed the legal deadline the same day that the "No Budget No Pay" act was signed into law.

That law freezes pay for Members of Congress unless we pass our own budget by April 15.

Last year, the President's tardy budget failed to receive a single vote in either Chamber.

So what's the plan now?

Show us the budget.

Your move, Mr. President.

And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, due to constituent obligations in my district, I was unavoidably detained in Massachusetts on February 4, 2012. I was therefore unable to cast a vote on rollcall votes 31, and 32. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 31, and "yea" on rollcall 32.

HONORING THE LIFE OF R. BRIAN KIDNEY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues and former members of the California State Legislature Mr. FARR, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. LEE, Mr. McCLINTOCK, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. THOMPSON and Mr. WAXMAN to pay tribute to the life of R. Brian Kidney, who passed away on December 22, 2012 at the age of 82. Mr. Kidney was an extraordinary person, and he will always be remembered as a man who lived his life with purpose and a dedication to public service, with almost 30 years in the California State Assembly, Office of the Chief Clerk.

Brian Kidney earned a Bachelor's degree in Russian History from the University of Michigan. He went on to further his education at the University of San Francisco and earned a Master's degree in Government. Upon completion of his Master's degree, Mr. Kidney joined the United States Air Force and served our nation as a Russian Translator in Libya.

His impressive and irreplaceable service to the State of California began in 1963 in the California State Legislature, where he served as an office messenger for Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh. Two years later he became assistant clerk, and in 1991, Mr. Kidney retired after serving 25 years as chief clerk.

Mr. Kidney was an expert at his profession, but he brought more than knowledge and expertise to work every day. His understanding of the legislative process was an asset to each member who served in the California State Assembly during his tenure. Mr. Kidney's passion for government positively impacted the State of California in numerous ways.

In 1989, Mr. Kidney created the Assembly Chief Clerk Legislative Internship Program. He recognized the importance of having young minds with innovative ideas in the office, and paid interns began to work full-time alongside staff to gain the most fruitful experience possible. The interns benefit from their involvement and the office gains a fresh perspective from the interns.

Mr. Kidney did not stop working after retirement. He served as a parliamentary consultant to governments in Hungary, Malawi, Namibia, and South Africa, and spent several years as a lobbyist for The Gualco Group.

However, life did not always revolve around politics for Mr. Kidney. He never took for granted the simplicity of a great meal surrounded by conversation and laughter with his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join Mr. FARR, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. LEE, Mr. McCLINTOCK, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. THOMPSON and Mr. WAXMAN in paying tribute to the life and career of R. Brian Kidney. He was a shining example of a true public servant and proud American.

TRIBUTE TO STATE SENATOR HINTON MITCHEM

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a long-time Alabama political leader and businessman who dutifully served the Tennessee Valley region for more than 30 years in Montgomery. Former State Senator Hinton Mitchem, of Union Grove, passed away on January 22, 2013, after an extended illness.

A Georgia native and a 1961 graduate of the University of Georgia, Senator Mitchem served in the United States Coast Guard before moving west to Alabama in 1962 to pursue his future. It was not long before he left a mark on his community by becoming both a successful businessman and a respected public official.

In 1965, Senator Mitchem founded Hinton Mitchem Tractor Co., Inc. in Albertville and continued to serve the farming community for 40 years before selling his business in 2005. He first entered politics as a member of the Albertville City Council in 1968. In 1974, he was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives, representing the 25th District, serving a single four-year term from 1975 through 1979. He then ran and won election for State Senate in 1979. His Senate district included Marshall County and parts of Blount, Madison, and at one time, DeKalb County.

In 1986, Senator Mitchem set his gaze towards higher office, entering the Democrat primary for Lieutenant Governor. After coming in

third in the statewide contest, he returned to the Senate a year later easily winning a special election created when a vacancy occurred in his former Senate seat.

A statesman who was respected by politicians on both sides of the aisle, Senator Mitchem was elected President Pro Tempore of the Alabama Senate on January 9, 2007. He chaired the Finance and Taxation and Education Committees and, twice, the General Fund Committee. He was selected as one of the five Outstanding Senators in 1983 and again in 1984. In 1985, he was voted by his colleagues "The Outstanding Senator" in Alabama. When he retired from public office in 2010, he held the distinction of being the longest-serving member in the Alabama House and Senate, having served a total of 36 years.

Upon his retirement in 2010, Senator Mitchem told the Arab Tribune that his single most significant legislative accomplishment for his constituents was the passage of a bill directing TVA "payment in lieu of taxes" funds to the Alabama counties in which the federal utility is located. Prior to the passage of the legislation, the Alabama general fund received the TVA payments. Senator Mitchem also sponsored legislation creating the Alabama Housing Finance Authority, and was a staunch supporter of Alabama's two-year college system and Alabama's State Parks, to name but a few of his many contributions.

Senator Mitchem's public service was not limited to elected office. In 1980, he was appointed by then-Republican Governor Fob James, Jr. to chair the Alabama Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness, serving in that capacity for 28 years. He also served 18 consecutive years as Chairman of the Alabama Special Olympics.

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I wish to extend my personal condolences to his wife, Judy; and their four children, Todd, Tanya, Dee and Brittnee; their three grandchildren and their extended family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

TRIBUTE TO THE MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY'S ELECTRIC EDGE BAND

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the talented musicians of the "Morehead State University and Electric Edge" band, which performed at the renowned Kentucky Society of Washington DC's Inaugural Bluegrass Ball on Saturday, January 19, 2013. Known for its high class entertainment, fine food, and Kentucky hospitality, the Bluegrass Ball is our premier inauguration party, made even more memorable when Electric Edge takes the stage.

Great music is synonymous with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and so it has been my pleasure to welcome these gifted educators and musicians to the nation's Capitol City.

In fact, music has always been an important way of life in Kentucky. We enjoy a rich music heritage from Appalachia on into the cornfields of western Kentucky. In classrooms and on stage, these band members are helping keep