

less we can help our economy and our budget more. This week the House Ways and Means Committee will report a tax reduction bill that creates a \$500-per-child tax credit for families and cuts the capital gains tax in half. In all likelihood, the House will approve these important tax reductions.

Some of our colleagues here in the Senate have suggested that we abandon tax cuts—and focus exclusively on reducing the budget deficit. Having lost the vote on the balanced budget amendment, I can understand their desire to put spending cuts first in order to produce a balanced budget plan.

But as Governor Engler has demonstrated, cutting spending and taxes is the best way to reduce the deficit and encourage economic growth. We must have confidence that the American people, if allowed to keep their own money and spend it as they choose, will fuel the engine that runs our economy, producing more jobs, greater prosperity, and a balanced budget.

Mr. President, I yield the floor. I also suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMPSON). The clerk will call the roll. The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

(During the session of the Senate, the following morning business was transacted.)

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents which were referred as indicated:

EC-497. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Board for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-498. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the escheated estate fund; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-499. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the District's Emergency Assistance Services; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-500. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer of the Export-Import, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual management report for 1994; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-501. A communication from the Officer of the Nuclear Waste Negotiator, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-502. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to schedules of compensation; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-503. A communication from the Chairman of the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to unfunded mandates; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-504. A communication from the Acting Inspector General of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Limitation on Use of Appropriated Funds to Influence Certain Federal Contracting and Financial Transactions;" to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-505. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-506. A communication from the Chair of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Inspector General Act Amendments; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-507. A communication from the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General and the Director's Report on Audit Resolution and Management for the period April 1, 1994 through September 30, 1994; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-508. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to revise and streamline the acquisition laws of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-509. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the assignment or detail of General Accounting Office employees; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-511. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, an overview report of the high risk areas of the General Accounting Office; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CONRAD:

S. 542. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to allow States to regulate the disposal of municipal solid waste generated outside of the State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HATFIELD:

S. 543. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BRYAN (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 544. A bill to establish a Presidential commission on nuclear waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BUMPERS (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 545. A bill to authorize collection of certain State and local taxes with respect to the sale, delivery, and use of tangible personal property; to the Committee on Finance.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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#### INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation that would give States and local governments the power to regulate and, if they choose, reject interstate shipments of municipal solid waste.

This is a problem Congress has grappled with now for years and it only grows more and more serious. An estimated 18 million tons of municipal solid waste travels across State lines each year. Landfills are filling up around the country and communities are searching for new places to send their trash.

Where are they searching? Mr. President, they are searching in rural areas like my home State of North Dakota and, no doubt, they are looking in the State of the distinguished occupant of the chair, the State of Idaho.

Mr. President, rural States like ours, where pollution has not spoiled the land, where small communities may be willing to take large amounts of money from a waste company in exchange for landfill space, are the places they are looking. Whether they want this imported waste or not, States are almost powerless to stop the flow of garbage across their borders.

Mr. President, I can remember very well being involved in a debate on this matter a number of years ago, and the trash merchants had their lobbyists lining the Halls. I have never seen so many people off the Chamber of the Senate. The trash merchants want to ship this stuff someplace, and they are looking for States that are willing to take it.

Mr. President, States ought to have an ability to say "no." Waste is already coming to my State of North Dakota. We take industrial waste from General Motors plants from all around the country. We take municipal solid waste incinerator ash from Minnesota. A waste company continues its efforts to open a superdump in my State that would take garbage from Minneapolis-St. Paul. This one landfill, Mr. President, would receive almost twice as much garbage as is produced in my entire State. This situation is not unique. It is happening all over the country.

States should be able to do something about it. They should be able to