

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, if I could just ask for some time to thank everyone.

CONCLUDING REMARKS
REGARDING BALANCED BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. LEWIS] is recognized for 10 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to thank everyone tonight for participating in this. I know it has been going on now for about 2 hours, or maybe more, and I think it has been very productive and I just wanted to thank all of my colleagues.

I have to be honest and say that all of my colleagues, particularly those who have been here debating like this now for on a regular basis during special orders for months or maybe it is almost a year now, they should understand that from my perspective, and I know it is true for my Democratic colleagues that, we have the utmost respect for you because you have been willing, as have many of us, to come to the floor and debate some of these issues.

Mr. Speaker, I thought this was very productive and I really appreciate the opportunity.

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague from Arizona [Mr. HAYWORTH].

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, if there is no other agreement this evening, I welcome the gentleman's very constructive statement and sentiment of gratitude.

But let me say in candor to my friend from Florida, Mr. Speaker, that it is distressing to use partial quotes that are, in fact, the product of historical revisionism to try and score debating points.

Here is the exact quote from the Speaker of the House, as misquoted by my friends in the minority. Quote, "You know, we tell Boris Yeltsin, 'Get rid of centralized command bureaucracies. Go to the marketplace.' OK. What do you think the Health Care Financing Administration is? It is a centralized command bureaucracy. It is everything we are telling Boris Yeltsin to get rid of. Now, we don't get rid of it in round one because we don't think it is politically smart. We don't think that's the right way to go through a transition. But we believe it is going to wither on the vine because we think seniors are voluntarily going to leave it." Voluntarily. End quote.

It refers, Mr. Speaker, to the Health Care Financing Administration, and not the program known as Medicare. And to my friend from Florida, and, yes, I am a bit passionate about this. If free people are to debate, if free people

are going to reach resolution of problems, this points out what I was saying earlier this evening. We have to agree on broad parameters to define the debate; not partial quotes; not trying to imply that those in the majority would take away these programs; not trying to imply as has been the case as has been called by liberal publications medigoguary to scare seniors, to claim we want to have our children drink unclean water, to get rid of school lunches. We all know that to be false.

I would ask, Mr. Speaker, my good friend from Florida to check his facts.

Mr. DEUTSCH. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HAYWORTH. And, indeed, to retract what has been used here as a mantra from the minority.

Mr. DEUTSCH. If the gentleman will yield, I will be happy to respond.

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida will suspend.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WHITE). The Chair will remind the gentleman from Florida that he is here under the rules of the House. The Chair has ruled that all Members will suspend for a short period of time. The Chair would like to inform the Members that the gentleman from Kentucky controls time, and he may yield time to Members as he wishes, and only those Members may speak.

The gentleman from Kentucky.

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. In a moment I will yield to the gentleman from Florida. But I would like to say this is exactly why we cannot have a good, honest debate. This is why it is hard to put trust and faith in our colleagues when there is rhetoric that is so accusatory.

As I said, all evening I sat back here and listened to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR] say that we disliked Federal employees, we disliked Government, we even disliked the military. One gentleman said that we were lunatics, that we were extremists, that we are out of control. That is not constructive debate. That is getting it down to a level where I think it is every destructive.

I think misquoting our Speaker is another area of being very destructive in trying to reach a good debate and a good dialog.

I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. DEUTSCH. I would be happy, first of all, I have seen a video of his statement. This is a letter from the Speaker to the editor of the Washington Post which does not have the full context of what was said, and it is actually a quote from the transcript of his speech, not a transcription of the speech itself. So, I mean, this is somewhat questionable in terms of its accuracy.

As I mentioned to the gentleman from Arizona, I will be happy to supply

him with a videotape at that point in time.

If we want to spend the next 5 minutes, the next 6 hours, I will be happy to discuss the issue of Medicare with my Republican colleagues because I think that is one of the areas of fundamental disagreement. I think, and the gentleman from Kentucky, I think sincerely stated that he believes that the Republican proposal would save Medicare, and I believe that it would destroy Medicare, and that is a fundamental, 180 degree difference in how we view the specific policies of that, and we can go into it, because I serve on the subcommittee that the bill went through.

The trustee report talks about a \$90 billion cut. It is a \$270 billion cut, and I would just close very quickly on the point of Medicare. It is a \$270 billion cut, which, if it really were to save Medicare, and this is a fundamental question, why does it not go into the Medicare trust fund? I mean, how did that \$270 billion number, how did it come up?

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Reclaiming my time, I want to yield to the gentleman from California for just a minute. I think he made some instructive, gave us some instructive information a little while ago about Mr. Panetta and his proposal. I think if you look at Mr. Clinton's proposal, you know, I do not think we are that much different.

Mr. CAMPBELL. I thank the gentleman from Kentucky for yielding.

This is important to understand and to be fair about. Both sides agree that the unconstrained growth of Medicare will wreck the budget of the United States. All sides agree with that. In 1992, our former colleague, presently the Budget Director, my colleague from the California delegation, proposed a program of \$400 billion, that is a "b," cuts in the rate of growth of Medicare over an 8-year period, and that was a part of what I considered at the time a very straightforward and honest attempt to save Medicare. It was not to take what was rightfully the seniors' and give to others. No. It was a good-faith effort by our colleague from California, the former colleague from California, to save Medicare for those who needed it. He realized at that time that Medicare was growing at better than twice the general inflation rate.

If I may, I will be very brief in concluding, the number, therefore, of \$270 billion in 7 years is much less, and what the trust fund trustees recommended by their own admission would require revisiting the issue within 5 years. What is being attempted by Mr. Panetta in 1992 and the Republicans now is a longer term answer, one that will guarantee Medicare is there for those who need it many years from now.

Mr. HAYWORTH. If the gentleman will yield, I want to make a point now that the passion has left the voice but the sentiment remains.

I have the very greatest respect for my friend from Florida. Good people can disagree. Again, I simply make this appeal: Let us debate on facts and accurate data and let us have difference of opinion in this Chamber. But I have to say, again quoting Robert J. Samuelson, when one side continually distorts the facts, the purpose is not to debate, it is then to destroy.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BUYER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today until 3 p.m., on account of weather-related travel problems.

Mr. LIGHTFOOT (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of his son's surgery.

Mr. STOCKMAN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week, on account of illness.

Mr. HOKE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of personal reasons.

Mr. FAZIO of California (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of a death in the family.

Mr. MEEK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of a death in the family.

Mr. MFUME (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and January 4, on account of personal reasons.

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 Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SKELTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. VOLKMER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. PELOSI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEJDENSON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BARR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, for 5 minutes each day, today and January 4.

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes each day, today and on January 4.

Mr. CAMPBELL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, on January 4.

Mr. FUNDERBURK, for 5 minutes, on January 4.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes each day, today and on January 4.

Mr. DAVIS, for 5 minutes each day, today and on January 4.

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

Mr. SHAYS, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BONIOR, 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 Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. HAMILTON in two instances.

Mrs. MALONEY.

Mr. VENTO.

Mr. LANTOS in three instances.

Mr. RAHALL in two instances.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

Mr. MILLER of California.

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

Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. BEREUTER in two instances.

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska.

Mr. BAKER of California.

Mr. PORTMAN.

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

Mrs. MORELLA.

Mr. QUINN.

Mr. CONYERS.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 51 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, January 4, 1995, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1884. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a proposed supplemental language request to provide authorization for a 2.4-percent pay raise for U.S. military personnel (H. Doc. No. 104-158); to the Committee on National Security and ordered to be printed.

1885. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2000 resulting from passage of H.R. 1058, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-582); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1886. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2000 resulting from passage of H.R. 2336, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-582); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1887. A letter from the Director, OPM, President's pay agent, transmitting a report justifying the reasons for the extension of locality-based comparability payments to categories of positions that are in more than one executive agency, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5304(h)(2)(C); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1888. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-172, "Uniform Health Insurance Claim Forms Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1889. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-173, "Insurance Omnibus Amendment Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1890. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-174, "Department of Corrections Employee Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing Temporary Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1891. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-175, "Acquisition of Space Needs For District Government Officers and Employees Temporary Amendment Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1892. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-176, "Establishment of the John A. Wilson Building Foundation Temporary Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1893. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-177, "Solid Waste Facility Permit Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1894. A letter from the Commissioner, Delaware River Basin Commission, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1895. A letter from the Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting the 1995 annual report in compliance with the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, pursuant to Public Law 100-504, section 104(a) (102 Stat. 2525); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1896. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1897. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1898. A letter from the Inspector General, General Services Administration; transmitting the semiannual report on the activities