

The slice is in here. We have IOU's in the Social Security. We are going to buy it. It is in operating. We buy it, pay it off. So Social Security is sound. I do not understand why it takes a brain surgeon to understand how you operate a budget the way the States do.

And so, Mr. President, I would hope that we would reconsider between now and 3 o'clock this afternoon that this is an opportunity to pass a balanced budget amendment that will work and will give us a financially sound future, not only for ourselves but for our children and our grandchildren.

I hear my distinguished friend say he is going to do it for his unborn grandchildren. I have five. The Senator is no "Lone Ranger". I am just as worried about my grandchildren as he is. And I think I have a pretty good idea I have had to work under it. I had to operate it. I understand how it works. There are few in this Chamber who do. You will find that most of those will vote for this amendment because it works.

Do it like the Governors do; pass the Reid amendment. Do it like you do at home and operate your own budget; pass the Reid amendment. It is just that simple, Mr. President.

I do not know how much time I have remaining, but I will reserve it.

SENATOR INHOFE: QUOTATION OF MARCH 1, 1994
STATEMENT OF SENATOR FORD, JUNE 7, 1996

So when the Senator from Kentucky came in—I had not quoted him, but I will now. He said this back on March 1, 1994. He said, "I support the efforts of my friend and colleague from Illinois"—talking about Senator SIMON, who is a very courageous guy, and one I complimented probably more than I have ever complimented anyone else on the floor yesterday. Senator FORD said, "I support the efforts of my friend and colleague from Illinois to take on this persistent fiscal dishonesty. I hear so much about if 40-some-odd Governors can operate a balanced budget, why can't the Federal Government? I operated under it"—this is Senator FORD, who was a Governor of Kentucky—"and it worked. I think implementation of this amendment will work. I think we can make it work. I do not understand why it takes a brain surgeon to understand how you operate a budget the way the States do. This is an opportunity to pass a balanced budget amendment that will work and will give us a financially sound future, not only for ourselves but for our children and our grandchildren."

Mr. FORD. Lastly, Madam President, let me just note that every provision of the Constitution is subject to interpretation. I am sure that the Senator from Oklahoma does not agree with every Supreme Court decision interpreting the words of the Constitution—even though it may involve different interpretations of the same language.

In 1994, the distinguished Senator from Illinois, Senator SIMON, gave specific assurances that he would work in support of, and even cosponsor, implementing legislation to require Congress to balance the budget without counting the annual Social Security surplus. He even submitted a memorandum from the Congressional Research Service with the opinion that it would be legal and appropriate for Congress to pass such legislation. This memorandum is reprinted in the March 1, 1994, CONGRESSIONAL RECORD along with the debate

By contrast, in 1995 we saw proposals from leading proponents of the bal-

anced budget amendment spelling out how much of the Social Security surplus they would count year by year.

As I stated last year and again last week, this was an enormous shift in the interpretation of the resolution and a major factor in my decision to not support the balanced budget amendment without further assurances about Social Security.

It is my hope that debate on the Senate floor in the future will be conducted at a level which respects the opinions of fellow Senators on all issues. It is the least that our constituents expect of us.

FATHER BILL KENNY

Mr. REID. Madam President, one of the pleasures of working with this body is the opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions that individuals have made in our respective States and in our country. I rise today to recognize such a person, Father Bill Kenny of Las Vegas.

Frequently, people are recognized for an heroic action on a specific occasion, or for a moment of self-sacrifice that may have saved the lives of people who were put in harms way. Father Kenny's achievement is different; he is a man who has devoted his entire life to helping others, and on a continual, daily basis, he gives his energy, his time, and his spirit to his community, to his parishioners, and to his church. On June 19, Father Kenny will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordainment as a Catholic Priest, and I am delighted to take this occasion to congratulate him on a lifetime of self-sacrifice.

Father Bill Kenny is truly an example of the American dream in action. Bill came to Las Vegas as a young boy and attended St. Joseph's Catholic School and Bishop Gorman High School. As a young altar boy, Bill often thought about becoming a priest. Inspired by his uncle John, a priest who also served in Las Vegas, Bill entered the seminary and afterwards completed his studies at the theological college of the Catholic University of America on a 3-year scholarship. He earned his B.A. in 1966 and his M.A. a year later, after which he was assigned for one year to the North American College in Rome, a residence for American students who study at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He resumed his studies at the theological college, and in 1971, he returned to Las Vegas for his ordination.

He was first assigned to serve as associate pastor at St. Annes and then, in 1976, at Our Lady of Las Vegas. The diocese intuitively knew that, in Father Kenny, they had a man of extraordinary talent and, in October of 1978, Father Bill was asked to start a new parish in a growing section of the city; he became the founding pastor of Christ the King Catholic Community, a parish that, under his tutelage, has grown to over 5,000 members.

I have had the good fortune to attend services at Father Kenny's church and

to witness, first hand, the care and compassion he has engendered within his parish. I participated in one of the most moving ceremonies of my career when Father Bill invited me to take part in the opening of the national AIDS Quilt exhibit which he generously housed in the church's parish hall. We read the names of those whose lives were represented in the squares of the quilt, and I know there wasn't a dry eye in the crowd.

This is just one example of the compassion that Father Bill demonstrates on a continual basis; I know that there are at least 5,000 more stories that reflect the influence that he has had on someone's life. I am glad that Father Bill chose to come back to his home in Las Vegas to fulfill his mission with the Catholic church, I am proud to have him as my friend, and I congratulate him for his 25 years of exemplary service to the people of Nevada. We are all better because of him.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Madam President, at the close of business yesterday Monday, June 11, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,134,653,489,857.86.

On a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$19,372.70 as his or her share of that debt.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:29 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3268. An act to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 848. An act to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for assistance for highway relocation regarding the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia.

H.R. 3029. An act to designate the United States courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse."

H.R. 3060. An act to implement the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty.

H.R. 3186. An act to designate the Federal building located at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, Missouri, as the "Sammy L. David Federal Building."

H.R. 3364. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse at 235 North Washington Avenue in Scranton, Pennsylvania, as the "William J. Nealon Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 3400. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be