

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 1997 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 1996 amount, the 1997 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 1997 follow:

New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1996	\$82,442,966,000
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1997	87,820,371,000
House bill, fiscal year 1997	83,995,260,000
Senate bill, fiscal year 1997	84,810,153,000
Conference agreement, fiscal year 1997	84,800,283,000
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1996	+2,357,317,000
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1997	-3,020,088,000
House bill, fiscal year 1997	+805,023,000
Senate bill, fiscal year 1997	-9,870,000

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2464. An act to amend Public Law 103-93 to provide additional lands within the State of Utah for the Goshute Indian Reservation, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2512. An act to provide for certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2982. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama;

H.R. 3120. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering; and

H.R. 3287. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Crawford National Fish Hatchery to the city of Crawford, Nebraska.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3068. An act to accept the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to revoke their charter of incorporation issued under the Indian Reorganization Act;

H.R. 3159. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999 for the National Transportation Safety Board, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3378. An act to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to extend the demonstration program for direct billing of Medicare, Medicaid, and other third party payors;

H.R. 3539. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3723. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect proprietary economic information, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 3539) "An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. FORD, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 39. An act to amend the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize appropriations, to provide for sustainable fisheries, and for other purposes.

NEW REPUBLICAN MAJORITY CHANGES DIRECTION OF THE NATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. SHAYS] is recognized for 60 minutes.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to follow my colleague from California, and also appreciate your willingness to take your time. I know you probably are getting ready to get back to your district. I will not take my full hour. I am not going to tell you how much time I will take, but I think it will be significantly less than that.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot tell you what it is like to think about what we have done in the last 2 years, because I have tremendous pride and satisfaction and gratitude that I have had the opportunity to serve in Congress and to be part of this new majority that really has attempted, and I think succeeded, in changing the direction that this country is headed.

I think we are starting to end 40 years of bloated government, inefficient government, ineffective government and starting to turn the power

and the money and the influence back home where it belongs. That is where we are attempting to empower people back home, because we have, one, faith in their ability to make the right decisions but, also, that they will make the decisions that are necessary for them in their own local communities.

When we set out on this journey almost a year ago today, we were running on a Contract With America; 8 reforms on the opening day of the session and 10 reforms in the first 100 days. I remember some in the editorial boards would say how could I be part of this "Contract With America," as if I had done something wrong. The more I thought about it, I thought what an absurdity. We are passing eight reforms. We are passing 10 major issues in the first 100 days; and it does not criticize President Clinton, it does not criticize then the majority in Congress, our colleagues on the other side of the aisle. It is a positive plan for America.

So I wondered why they asked the question. I proceeded to respond by simply asking them: What do you think of the majority party's Contract With America, the 8 things they want to do on the opening day of Congress; the 10 things they want to do in the first 100 days? And I just enjoyed the silence. And I said is it not amazing that the minority party then, this Republican Party, knew what it wanted to do, said then it would do, and was proud of that effort?

When we got elected people said we used this contract to get elected but we would not seek to implement it because it might be too controversial and take on some of the special interests that had been entrenched so long in Washington and we might stir up some things. We clearly stirred up some things, but for the good of the Nation.

Mr. Rabin, for former Prime Minister of Israel said: Politicians are elected by adults to represent the children. This is about what kind of world they going to have.

Mr. Speaker, we set out to implement these eight reforms the first day of Congress. The first was a bill that, Mr. Speaker, you and I worked on closely: Getting Congress under all the laws that we impose on everyone else. We were exempted for OSHA, civil rights, fair labor practices, the 40-hour work week. We put ourselves under the same laws as everyone else. What a great way to start that Congress.

We also reduced the size of committees by a third, reducing the staff by a third. We reduced by \$220 million the size of our budget. So we started to set the example. We were going to ask government to do with less. We were going to start with our own Congress.

And so we saved in the last 2 years \$420 million. Our budget is actually \$220 million less than it was 2 years ago. So not only did we not add money for inflation, we actually are spending \$220 million less; and over 2 years saved the taxpayers almost a half a billion in expenditures.