

Offsets the increased spending on a year-by-year basis with small across-the-board reductions in discretionary spending and the proposed tax cuts.

Total 5-year discretionary spending and proposed tax cuts would be reduced by 0.0039 (just over one-third of 1 percent). This amounts to about \$11 billion over of \$2,800 billion in spending and just over one-half billion out of \$135 billion in tax cuts.

In FY 1998, there would be no reductions in spending or tax cuts.

In FY 1999, spending and tax cuts would be reduced by 0.001 (one-tenth of 1 percent). This amounts to about \$750 million out of \$559 billion in spending and \$24 million out of \$18 billion in tax cuts.

Safeguards Trust Fund monies to ensure they will be used for their intended purposes.

Modifies transportation reserve fund in the Budget Resolution to give first priority to

restoration of the spending and tax cut off-sets.

Here's what the amendment does not do

Does not interfere with balancing the Budget by FY 2002.

Does not change any of the annual deficit targets.

Does not make any cuts in entitlement programs.

Does not draw down Highway Trust Fund balances.

Does not spend any of the 4.3 cents gas tax currently going to the general fund.

Does not take the trust fund off-budget.

THE PRICE OF FAILURE

Bad for American economy and jobs. Transportation accounts for over \$1 trillion in commerce annually; for every \$1 billion in investment in highways, 42,000 jobs are created. If funding is inadequate, our highway and transit infrastructure will continue to

decline, resulting in congestion, increased pollution, increased fatalities and injuries and reduced international competitiveness.

Bad for American taxpayers. Gas taxes paid to build and repair highway and transit projects will continue to be used to mask the size of the deficit and to justify deficit spending elsewhere.

Surface transportation legislation jeopardized. The reauthorization of ISTEA, now pending before the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, will not be able to adequately: (1) address donor state equity; (2) fund international trade corridors and border infrastructure; (3) address transit and clean air needs in congested urban areas; (4) repair unsafe bridges and other safety hazards; (5) reconstruct aging segments of the Interstate System; and (6) respond to other high priority needs.

ESTIMATED BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAYS, TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

		Fiscal years				
		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
National defense (050)	BA	268.197	270.245	273.216	279.276	286.770
	O	265.978	265.415	267.263	268.416	270.505
International relations (150)	BA	15.909	14.871	15.654	15.965	16.184
	O	14.558	14.544	14.900	14.635	14.673
General science (250)	BA	16.237	16.164	15.849	15.688	15.473
	O	16.882	16.506	15.944	15.763	15.550
Energy (270)	BA	3.123	3.450	3.152	2.907	2.807
	O	2.247	2.439	2.272	2.019	1.833
Natural Resources (300)	BA	23.877	23.178	22.430	21.985	21.905
	O	22.405	22.673	22.869	22.583	22.151
Agriculture (350)	BA	13.133	12.783	12.194	10.951	10.639
	O	11.892	11.289	10.647	9.470	9.079
Commerce and Housing (370)	BA	6.607	11.076	15.157	16.057	16.657
	O	-0.920	4.295	9.801	12.113	12.521
Transportation (400)	BA	46.402	50.023	51.590	53.181	54.438
	O	40.933	41.974	43.763	44.821	45.437
Community and reg. deve. (450)	BA	8.768	8.408	7.741	7.619	7.922
	O	10.387	10.887	10.939	11.279	8.365
Education (500)	BA	60.020	60.238	61.409	62.559	62.968
	O	56.062	59.273	60.526	61.632	61.949
Health (550)	BA	137.799	144.905	153.901	163.229	171.973
	O	137.767	144.911	153.840	162.981	171.543
Medicare (570)	BA	201.620	212.069	225.528	239.619	251.528
	O	201.764	211.544	225.525	238.764	250.749
Income security	BA	239.032	254.030	269.375	274.872	286.623
	O	247.758	258.009	267.984	277.006	284.930
Social Security (650)	BA	11.424	12.055	12.777	13.001	14.359
	O	11.524	12.192	12.852	13.023	14.374
Veterans benefits (700)	BA	40.545	41.438	41.654	41.974	42.143
	O	41.337	41.675	41.829	42.101	42.301
Administration of Justice (750)	BA	24.765	25.075	24.039	24.166	24.682
	O	22.609	24.444	25.133	25.740	24.692
General Government (800)	BA	14.711	14.424	13.915	13.593	13.014
	O	13.959	14.347	14.674	14.057	13.014
Net interest (900)	BA	296.547	304.558	305.075	303.833	303.728
	O	296.547	304.558	305.075	303.833	303.728
Allowances (920)	BA	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	O	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Undistributed (950)	BA	-41.841	-36.949	-36.937	-39.151	-51.124
	O	-41.841	-36.949	-36.937	-39.151	-51.124

VICTIM OF MINDLESS VIOLENCE DIES

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 1997

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the horrifying loss of a very important public servant. The Congress has always felt that our veterans are special people, and that

those who serve them are special too. Today, it is my sad duty to inform the Congress that one of these special servants of America's veterans has fallen victim to what appears to be an act of mindless violence. On Friday, May 9, 1997, Mr. William Reese was shot at the Finn's Point National Cemetery in Salem, NJ, where he had worked as a caretaker for 18 years.

Mr. Reese was a dedicated husband to his wife, Rebecca, and a loving father of his son,

Troy. As a caretaker in a national veterans cemetery, Mr. Reese was one of the hundreds of unsung heroes who make our national cemeteries places of honor, beauty, and solace. As chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Benefits, I am sure I speak for all the Members of Congress in wishing the Reese family every comfort in this trying time and our hope that they find some small consolation in the dedication William Reese has shown to his veterans.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 1997, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 21

9:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to review a General Accounting Office report on management and program weaknesses at the Department of Transportation.
SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
SD-366

Indian Affairs
To hold oversight hearings on programs designed to assist Native American veterans.
SR-485

10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs.
SD-192

Finance
To hold hearings to examine the Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan as a model for Medicare reform.
SD-215

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings on United States implementation of prison labor agreements with China.
SD-419

2:00 p.m.
Armed Services
To continue hearings on the Quadrennial Defense Review, focusing on its impact on the future years defense program.
SH-216

Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. Res. 57, to support the commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, S. 231, to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico, S. 312, to revise the boundary of the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in Larue County, Kentucky, S. 423, to extend the legislative authority for the

Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason, S. 669, to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site, and S. 731, to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial.
SD-366

Finance
Social Security and Family Policy Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to child welfare reform.
SD-215

Judiciary
Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee
Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
SD-226

MAY 22

9:00 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings on the nominations of James A. Harmon, of New York, to be President, and Jackie M. Clegg, of Utah, to be First Vice President, each of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.
SD-538

9:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold oversight hearings on the professional boxing industry.
SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources
To resume a workshop to examine competitive change in the electric power industry, focusing on the financial implications of restructuring.
SH-216

Labor and Human Resources
Public Health and Safety Subcommittee
To hold hearings to review the activities of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.
SD-430

Rules and Administration
To resume hearings to review legislative recommendations on certain revisions to Title 44 of the U.S. Code which authorizes the Government Printing Office to provide permanent public access to Federal government information.
SR-301

10:00 a.m.
Foreign Relations
East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to review whether China's most-favored-nation status is an effective foreign policy tool.
SD-419

Judiciary
Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
SD-226

10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Foreign Operations Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on international affairs.
SD-138

11:00 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings on electronic funds transfer and electronic benefit transfer and the effect of these programs on Federal benefit recipients.
SD-538

2:00 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Communications Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 442, to establish a national policy against State and local government interference with interstate commerce on the Internet or interactive computer services, and to exercise Congressional jurisdiction over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet.
SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold a workshop on the proposed "Public Land Management Responsibility and Accountability Act".
SD-366

Governmental Affairs
International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Russian case studies on proliferation.
SD-342

Judiciary
Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the antitrust implications of the college bowl alliance.
SH-216

Select on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.
SH-219

JUNE 3

9:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Communications Subcommittee
To resume hearings to examine the Federal Communications Commission implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, focusing on efforts to implement universal telephone service reform and FCC proposals to assess new per-minute fees on Internet service providers.
SR-253

JUNE 4

9:00 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold oversight hearings on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.
SD-226

9:30 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings on the nomination of Michael J. Armstrong, of Colorado, to be an Associate Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
SD-406

10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense.
SD-192

JUNE 5

9:00 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine instances of contaminated strawberries in school lunches.
SR-332

JUNE 10

9:30 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 Water and Power Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on miscellaneous water and power measures, including S. 439, H.R. 651, H.R. 652, S. 725, S. 736, S. 744, and S. 538.
 SD-366

JUNE 11

9:30 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold oversight hearings on the State-side of the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
 SD-366

10:00 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Defense Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense.
 SD-192

JUNE 12

9:30 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 To resume a workshop to examine competitive change in the electric power industry, focusing on the benefits and risks of restructuring to consumers and communities.
 SH-216

JULY 23

9:00 a.m.
 Finance
 International Trade Subcommittee
 To hold hearings with the Caucus on International Narcotics Control on the threat to U.S. trade and finance from drug trafficking and international organized crime.
 SD-215

JULY 30

9:00 a.m.
 Finance
 International Trade Subcommittee
 To resume hearings with the Caucus on International Narcotics Control on the threat to U.S. trade and finance from drug trafficking and international organized crime.
 SD-215

POSTPONEMENTS

MAY 20

10:00 a.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on NASA's international space station.
 SR-253