

Olver	Salmon	Stokes
Ortiz	Sanchez	Strickland
Owens	Sandlin	Stump
Oxley	Sawyer	Sununu
Packard	Saxton	Talent
Pappas	Scarborough	Tanner
Pastor	Schaefer, Dan	Tauscher
Paul	Scott	Tauzin
Paxon	Sensenbrenner	Taylor (NC)
Pease	Sessions	Thomas
Pelosi	Shadegg	Thornberry
Peterson (MN)	Shaw	Thune
Petri	Shays	Thurman
Pickering	Sherman	Tierney
Pitts	Shimkus	Torres
Pomeroy	Shuster	Trafficant
Porter	Sisisky	Turner
Pryce (OH)	Skaggs	Upton
Quinn	Skeen	Vento
Radanovich	Skelton	Walsh
Rahall	Slaughter	Wamp
Regula	Smith (MI)	Watkins
Reyes	Smith (NJ)	Watt (NC)
Riley	Smith (OR)	Weldon (FL)
Rivers	Smith (TX)	Weldon (PA)
Roemer	Smith, Adam	Wexler
Rogers	Snowbarger	Weygand
Rohrabacher	Snyder	Whitfield
Rothman	Solomon	Wicker
Roukema	Spence	Wolf
Roybal-Allard	Spratt	Wynn
Royce	Stabenow	Yates
Rush	Stearns	Young (AK)
Ryun	Stenholm	Young (FL)

NAYS—44

Abercrombie	Hefley	Miller (CA)
Berry	Hefner	Oberstar
Borski	Hill	Pallone
Clay	Hilleary	Pascrell
Clyburn	Hilliard	Pickett
DeFazio	Hulshof	Pombo
English	Johnson, E.B.	Poshard
Ensign	Kucinich	Ramstad
Fattah	LaFalce	Schaffer, Bob
Fazio	Lewis (GA)	Stark
Filner	Lipinski	Stupak
Gephardt	LoBiondo	Thompson
Green	Maloney (NY)	Watts (OK)
Gutknecht	McDermott	Weller
Hastings (FL)	McNulty	

NOT VOTING—78

Ackerman	Hinchey	Portman
Billbray	Holden	Price (NC)
Billirakis	Hostettler	Rangel
Blunt	Hunter	Riggs
Bonior	Istook	Rodriguez
Bono	Jackson-Lee	Rogan
Brown (CA)	(TX)	Ros-Lehtinen
Brown (FL)	Jefferson	Sabo
Burr	Jones	Sanders
Calvert	Kennedy (MA)	Sanford
Carson	Kennedy (RI)	Schiff
Chambliss	Kennelly	Schumer
Conyers	Lampson	Serrano
Coyne	Lantos	Smith, Linda
Davis (IL)	Largent	Souder
DeLay	Lazio	Taylor (MS)
Doyle	Livingston	Tiahrt
Ehrlich	Manton	Towns
Foglietta	Markey	Velazquez
Forbes	Martinez	Visclosky
Fowler	McInnis	Waters
Frost	Menendez	Waxman
Goodling	Nethercutt	White
Graham	Neumann	Wise
Greenwood	Parker	Woolsey
Gutierrez	Payne	
Hastert	Peterson (PA)	

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Mr. BAKER changed his vote from "present" to "yea."
So the Journal was approved.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. JOHNSON] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 15, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a certificate of the unofficial vote totals received from the Honorable Stephanie Gonzales, Secretary of State, State of New Mexico, which indicates that, according to the unofficial vote totals received by the nominees whose names appeared on the 1997 Special Election Ballot of May 13, 1997, the Honorable Bill Redmond was elected to the Office of Representative in Congress, from the Third Congressional District, State of New Mexico.

Sincerely yours,

ROBIN H. CARLE.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE BILL REDMOND, OF NEW MEXICO, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from New Mexico, Mr. BILL REDMOND, be permitted to take the oath of office today. His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest, and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Member-elect from New Mexico present himself in the well of the House along with the members of the New Mexico delegation?

Mr. REDMOND appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the United States House of Representatives.

WELCOME TO NEWEST MEMBER OF CONGRESS, THE HONORABLE BILL REDMOND

(Mr. SKEEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, as dean of the New Mexico delegation in the House, it is my distinct pleasure and honor to welcome and congratulate the newest Member of the House of Representatives, the Honorable BILL REDMOND of Los Alamos, NM.

Mr. REDMOND won last week's special election to New Mexico's Third Congressional District. Mr. REDMOND won a most impressive victory in getting elected to the House, and many of us watched this race with significant interest and were involved in his successful election to Congress. I thank each and every one of my colleagues for their efforts on Mr. REDMOND's behalf.

I look forward to working with BILL REDMOND in Congress on behalf of the principles each of us hold dear to our hearts: family values, sound and responsible fiscal budget policies, a strong national defense, and a vibrant economic and business economy.

Welcome to the Congress, Mr. REDMOND, and I wish you the best of success in representing the people of New Mexico's Third Congressional District. You are in a tremendous body with a tremendous group of people. Welcome.

SERVING TO FULFILL A VISION FOR ALL AMERICA

(Mr. REDMOND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. REDMOND. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. SKEEN]. I am sorry that our colleague, the gentleman from Albuquerque, NM [Mr. SCHIFF], could not be with us.

Mr. Speaker, jatahe from the Navajos, buenos tardes from our Hispanic brothers, and hello from the Anglo population from northern New Mexico.

Regardless of which of New Mexico's many languages I greet you with today, Navajo, Tiwa, Spanish, or English, we are patriotic Americans who love our country. We gave of our land to develop the weapons which ended World War II early and save hundreds of thousands of lives. We gave our language. We provided Navajo Code Talkers for the safety of our soldiers during World War II. We gave of our sons.

The Bataan Memorial in Santa Fe is a testimony to our Hispanic brothers who died in the death march. We love our families. We keenly understand the covenant of American culture, to provide for opportunity for our children that we can only imagine, while honoring our elders who gave to us what they could only dream.

I have campaigned on a vision of a free and a prosperous America, based on the idea that the hard-earned money of American workers belongs to them and their families first. I dedicate my first term in Congress to my parents, John and Mary Redmond, who sacrificed for their seven children to fulfill this covenant and this vision for their children.

So I join you today as a servant of my constituents to fulfill this vision for all of America. It is an honor to serve with you.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minutes on each side.

FLOOD INSURANCE CRUCIAL FOR HURRICANE SEASON

(Mr. BEREUTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, first of all, welcome to Mr. REDMOND.

This Member rises to urge his colleagues from hurricane-prone areas to remind their constituents and news columns and news releases that hurricane season is quickly approaching and, the key point, that now is the time to review their flood insurance policies to ensure adequate coverage.

As of March 1, 1995, the national flood insurance program very appropriately, under congressional direction, imposes a 30-day waiting period between the time the premium is paid and the time the policy takes effect. This important change was made to encourage at-risk individuals to maintain adequate coverage at all times rather than waiting to purchase coverage only when danger is imminent.

Constituents must take proper care of their investment by purchasing adequate flood insurance coverage at least 30 days prior to a disaster. Without taking this simple step, they have no standing to ask the other policyholders or the taxpayers to bail them out if their investment is lost due to unexpected flooding.

This is fair warning that we should pass on to our constituents. If Members need more information, contact FEMA.

IN HONOR OF THE GREEN BAY PACKERS AND THEIR SUPER BOWL VICTORY

(Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the Super Bowl champions, the Green Bay Packers, who are in the Nation's Capital today as we prepare in this Chamber to debate a balanced budget agreement, the first in a long time; another long road to success will be celebrated here at the White House this afternoon as the champions of the football world meet the champions of the free world.

From Lambeau to Lombardi to Holmgren, from Bart Starr to Brett Favre, it has been 29 years since the Green Bay champions, the Super Bowl champions, the Packers, have once again returned the Lombardi trophy to its home, Green Bay, WI.

Behind this great tradition of winning are the fans, affectionately known as the Cheeseheads. They are in fact the owners of the Green Bay Packers. They have raised money to keep the team in the community, built a new stadium, sold out Lambeau Field for every game since the Packer's first Super Bowl victory.

May the grand tradition of the Super Bowl Green Bay Packers continue. I ask my colleagues to salute the Green Bay Packers, America's original "America's Team."

BUDGET AGREEMENT INTERNET ADDRESS

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I would like those who would like the Internet address to get out a pen and paper. I will give that to my colleagues.

The Internet address for the budget agreement is <http://hillsource.house.gov/budget.html>. Documents dealing with the budget agreement are on the Internet, so all Americans can see how it came about, what is in it. The home page is labeled a balanced budget for America's future. This will allow the people at the same time as the Washington insiders to have the information.

Again, the Internet address is <http://hillsource.house.gov/budget.html>.

SUPPORT THE SHUSTER-OBERSTAR AMENDMENT

(Mr. McGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Shuster-Oberstar-Petri-Rahall amendment to today's budget resolution.

Without a world-class highway and transit system, the United States simply cannot hope to compete in our increasingly global economy. The Pacific rim nations and Europe are spending trillions of dollars on national infrastructure for a very simple reason: It makes good economic sense. We must do the same here at home.

The tremendous needs of transportation and infrastructure in my home State of Massachusetts and across this Nation depend on adequate Federal investment. The budget agreement as it now stands falls woefully short of allowing us to merely maintain our aging highway and transit system, let alone making greatly needed repairs.

The Shuster-Oberstar amendment is a sensible, bipartisan effort to increase transportation funding to minimum acceptable levels, offset by a minuscule across-the-board reduction in all parts of the budget except entitlements.

I am strongly committed to balancing the Federal budget, but balancing the budget is all about choices.

The President speaks eloquently about building a bridge to the 21st cen-

tury, but that bridge is in desperate need of repair. I ask my colleagues to be bold, to be daring and to invest in our Nation's economic security and our future.

Vote "yes" on the Shuster-Oberstar amendment.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS SAVE LIVES

(Mrs. KELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, 42,000 Americans were killed in automobile accidents in 1995 and 1996, an increase of 2,500 fatalities since 1992.

The Federal Highway Administration says that road design and conditions contributed to 30 percent of those fatalities, which means that approximately 12,000 lives could have been saved by investing in better roads.

Highway improvements save lives. Eighty percent of all travel occurs on the Nation's highways, which means investing in better and safer roads is the single most dramatic step we can take in protecting the lives of our Nation's motorists.

The millions of dollars paid into the highway trust fund each year from our motorists is done with the expectation that it will be used not only to maintain but to improve the safety of the Nation's highways. This is not being done. Using the monies entrusted to us by the people for their intended purpose, the Shuster-Oberstar-Petri-Rahall amendment gives us the opportunity to fulfill our obligation to provide the safest roads possible for every man, woman, and child traveling on them.

In the name of safer roads, I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting the Shuster-Oberstar-Petri-Rahall amendment on the budget resolution.

NO MFN FOR CHINA

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the White House supports MFN for China. The United Nations supports MFN for China. The Council on Foreign Relations and the Trilateral Commission, they support MFN for China; and naturally, China more than anyone else supports MFN for China.

It seems everyone supports MFN for China except American workers, and I think their reason is right on target. America's trade policy sucks. We are not going to have a job left, folks.

I would just like to say in closing out here that while we are budgeting our limited assets together, China keeps laughing all the way to the bank with a huge surplus.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker, dot com.