

up at the desks in the Senate and the House of Representatives and talk about the surplus, what we should do with the surplus. In fact, some are talking about how large a tax cut they can give this year to deal with the budget surplus. There is no budget surplus. There isn't a budget surplus. We have made wonderful progress in wrestling the budget deficit to the ground, but there is not a budget surplus unless you save the Social Security revenues for the purpose they were intended to be saved for.

I say to all of those who are rushing to embrace their favorite tax cut plan, President Clinton said it in the State of the Union Address, and we still believe it, save Social Security first. When people, from their paychecks, make a payment to the Social Security trust fund in the form of a tax that is dedicated to be used only for one purpose, do not misuse it. Don't use it as other revenue. Don't count it as part of your budget calculation. Save it in the trust fund and save Social Security

first. That is the responsibility of this Congress.

All of those folks who have ideas either to provide tax breaks or to spend the money that doesn't exist, I say to them you have and we have a responsibility to save Social Security first. When we get to a budget debate on a budget conference report, we will once again, I assume, have that kind of contest about what ought to be done with respect to this budget.

I say as emphatically as I can, you do not have a budget surplus until you have made whole the Social Security funds and kept the promise to the American people to save Social Security first.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M.  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 1998

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in adjournment until 11 a.m., Monday, May 4, 1998.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 1:34 p.m., adjourned until Monday, May 4, 1998.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 1, 1998:

### THE JUDICIARY

NATALIA COMBS GREENE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE STEPHEN F. EILPERIN.

NEAL E. KRAVITZ, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE PAUL RAINEY WEBBER, III, TERM EXPIRED.

### WITHDRAWAL

Executive message transmitted by the President to the Senate on May 1, 1998, withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

KEVIN EMANUEL MARCHMAN, OF COLORADO, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE JOSEPH SHULDINER, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON MARCH 19, 1997, AND ON JANUARY 29, 1998.