

past that all other specialties have enjoyed at the teaching hospitals. We finally corrected that last year with a \$235 million fund, and that, too, is under target.

So when one talks about a budget that is providing for our needs and wants, not leaving any child behind, what one sees is that this big tax cut has even shoved the most critical and sensitive programs on the back burner.

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) for his insight tonight, his expertise, the work product that he has been able to produce in the alternative budget resolution. Hopefully it is opening up a lot of eyes in regards to what the majority party is offering, the promises that they are making, and the lack of details that they are providing right now. I thank the gentleman for his work.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. HOLT).

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to follow on some of the things that our distinguished ranking member has covered. In addition to some of the things that the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) has talked about, the Republican budget would result in cuts in the following programs: the Environmental Protection Agency; the Department of Agriculture, including field offices; the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Renewable and Alternative Energy, which is critically important, we have been reminded recently; Army Corps of Engineers; Federal support for railroads; the Small Business Administration; Community Development Block Grants; the Department of Justice. We had talked earlier about the hit that the community-oriented policing program would take. Legal Services Corporation, and on and on.

Something that troubles a lot of us a great deal is what would happen to environmental initiatives and land use initiatives. President Bush has made two environmental promises. One is to provide \$900 million or what is called full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This is a fund for acquiring open space and parks and recreation and to eliminate \$4.9 billion of maintenance backlog in the National Park Service. However, with his funding totals, he can only live up to these promises by consulting other vital environmental and natural resource programs.

So the Republican budget does not add up. The Republican budget would shorten the solvency of Medicare as the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) and others have pointed out. The Republican budget would not live up to our obligations in education and would fall short of our obligations in providing health care for veterans.

All of this is because, seen from a 10-year projection, it looks like there is so much money that it seems possible

to offer a two point something trillion dollar tax cut. Well, it is not possible if we are going to do these other things, if we are going to meet our obligations, if we are going to be fiscally disciplined so that we can have consumer confidence and investor confidence and a sound economy.

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. HOLT) for joining us here this evening.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

Mr. LAMPSON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Ms. BALDWIN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family illness.

Mr. SHAW (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and until 3 p.m. March 28 on account of illness in the family.

Mr. STEARNS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KIND) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, today and March 28.

Mrs. WILSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today and March 28.

Mr. KELLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHIMKUS, for 5 minutes, March 28.

Mr. PLATTS, for 5 minutes, March 28.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 295. An act to provide emergency relief to small businesses affected by significant increases in the prices of heating oil, natural gas, propane, and kerosene, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business in addition to the Committee on Agriculture for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 395. An act to ensure the independence and nonpartisan operation of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1346. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Diflubenzuron; Pesticide Tolerance Technical Correction [OPP-301112; FRL-6776-4] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received March 20, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1347. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a Report on Restructuring Costs Associated With Business Combinations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1348. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the Use of Employees of Non-Federal Entities to Provide Services to Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1349. A letter from the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Dive Sticks—received March 20, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1350. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Aviation—received March 22, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1351. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Startup and Restart of Nuclear Facilities—received March 22, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1352. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Facility Safety—received March 22, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1353. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units [AD-FRL-6939-9] (RIN: 2060-AF91) received March 21, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1354. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Project XL Site-Specific Rulemaking for Georgia-Pacific Corporation's Facility in Big Island, Virginia [FRL-6767-8] (RIN: 2060-AJ39) received March 21, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1355. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection