

further, so it can act still more effectively to find, pursue, and destroy our enemies. The 2003 Budget requests the biggest increase in defense spending in 20 years, to pay the cost of war and the price of transforming our Cold War military into a new 21st Century fighting force.

We have priorities at home as well—restoring health to our economy above all. Our economy had begun to weaken over a year before September 11th, but the terrorist attack dealt it another severe blow. This budget advances a bipartisan economic recovery plan that provides much more than greater unemployment benefits: it is a plan to speed the return of strong economic growth, to generate jobs, and to give unemployed Americans the dignity and security of a paycheck instead of an unemployment check.

The plan also calls for maintaining low tax rates, freer trade, restraint in government spending, regulatory and tort reform, promoting a sound energy policy, and funding key priorities in education, health, and compassionate social programs.

It is a bold plan—and it is matched by a bold agenda for government reform. From the beginning of my Administration, I have called for better management of the federal government. Now, with all the new demands on our resources, better management is needed more sorely than ever. Just as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 asks each local school to measure the education of our children, we must measure performance and demand results in federal government programs.

Where government programs are succeeding, their efforts should be reinforced—and the 2003 Budget provides resources to do that. And when objective measures reveal that government programs are not succeeding, those programs should be reinvented, redirected, or retired.

By curtailing unsuccessful programs and moderating the growth of spending in the rest of government, we can well afford to fight terrorism, take action to restore economic growth, and offer substantial increases in spending for improved performance at low-income schools, key environmental programs, health care, science and technology research, and many other areas.

We live in extraordinary times—but America is an extraordinary country. Americans have risen to every challenge they have faced in the past. Americans are rising again to the challenges of today. And once again, we will prevail.

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
February 4, 2002.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 1, 2002, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of

Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 400. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1913. An act to require the valuation of nontribal interest ownership of subsurface rights within the boundaries of the Acoma Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1937. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to engage in certain feasibility studies of water resource projects in the State of Washington.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the enrolled bills were signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) on February 1, 2002.

### MEASURE REFERRED

The Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of the following measure, which was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

H.R. 2595. An act to direct the Secretary of the Army to convey a parcel of land to Chat-ham County, Georgia.

### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on January 30, 2002, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1762. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers, to extend current law with respect to special allowances for lenders, and for other purposes.

### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5248. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report on the approval of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5249. A communication from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the growth of real gross national product during the fourth calendar quarter of 2001; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-5250. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Classification for Victims of Sever Forms of Trafficking in Persons; Eligibility for "T" Nonimmigrant Status" (RIN1115-AG19) received on January 31, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5251. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interpretation of Allocation of Candidate Travel Expenses" received on February 1, 2002; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-5252. A communication from the Director of Financial Management, General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the Annual Report of the Comptrollers' General Retirement System for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5253. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Rule 31-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934" (RIN3235-AI38) received on January 31, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5254. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bifenazate; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6818-3) received on January 30, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5255. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Zeta-Cypermethrin and its Inactive R-isomers; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6818-8) received on January 30, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5256. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation: Empower Procurement Officials and Miscellaneous Technical Amendments" (FRL7128-7) received on January 30, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5257. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Alabama Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL7131-5) received on January 30, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5258. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Ohio" (FRL7114-1) received on January 30, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5259. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; State of Alaska; Fairbanks" (FRL7133-1) received on January 30, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5260. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Section 112(1) Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants; State of Maryland; Department of the Environment" (FRL7135-9) received on January 30, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5261. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Full Approval of Operating Permit Program; District of Columbia; Correction" (FRL7136-3) received on January 30, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5262. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the