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HISTORY OF DAVID M. BARKSDALE CENTER

Built with local money, the substantial structure on North Boulevard opened in February 1942 amid wartime urgency as the main branch of Tampa's United Service Organization (USO).

It served its purpose well as a place where thousands of Army Air Force personnel could relax in a homelike hideaway during their off-duty hours. After the war ended in 1945, ownership passed to the City of Tampa.

When it opened as the North Boulevard Recreation Center in 1946, Mary Ellen Nelson Reilly, then 24 years old, was named director. Numerous groups, including the Tampa Chamber of Commerce, favored using it as an activity center for teen-agers.

Although Tampa's recreation department had neighborhood teen clubs previously, the central location proved ideal for a City-Wide Teen Age Club, Reilly said.

And it soon thrived. By the spring of 1948 it was called the second-largest teen club in the country, with more than 2,000 members.

Plenty of dances, variety shows, fashion shows, fencing lessons, a photography club and a newspaper called "The Rec" were some of the activities.

Reilly had a flair for staging special events, so she whipped up a Junior Gasparilla – not to be confused with Children's Gasparilla, which followed in later years. Edward Blount and Anna Ruth Beck Burnside were named first king and queen, in 1947.

A movie agent suggested a tie-in promotion with the movie "Cynthia", which starred a teen-age Elizabeth Taylor. Reilly got permission from her bosses, and the club sponsored the film when it showed at the nearby Park Theater.

Taylor became an honorary member of the Tampa teen club, and a blue evening dress she wore in the film was lent to the club for a fashion show staged at the theater. "It was a huge success," Reilly said.

Early on, organizations of all ages made use of the North Boulevard center. The USO continued using the building for a weekly dance. And activities ranging from exercise classes to bingo were scheduled regularly.

Square dances drew crowds in the hundreds, with Reilly herself doing the calling for many of them.

After her departure in 1948, the North Boulevard center continued evolving. Today, it caters to adult programs.

The David M. Barksdale Special Programs Center has been operated by the City of Tampa Recreation Department since 1947. Tampa has a population of 286,000 and the Barksdale Special Programs Center is the only community center in all of Hillsborough County dedicated solely to the recreational and social needs of senior citizens and the disabled of our community.

The Barksdale Center is the host site to other agencies that provide services to seniors and special populations. For example, Hillsborough County Aging Services uses the site for their senior nutrition program which serves hot, nutritional meals to the elderly and disabled.

The main emphasis of the Special Programs Center is to provide social interaction for all participants in an attempt to reduce the isolation that so often accompanies old age and disability. It is our mission to prvide a happy, healthy environment for all participants so that they may enjoy a higher quality of life than they may otherwise experience. The people who walk through our doors can partake in a variety of activities, that will enrich their lives. Classes in exercise, art, dance, music, cooking and more are all offered at the center, again at nominal or no cost.

Funding for the Barksdale Special Programs Center comes from the budget allocated by the City of Tampa Council and the Mayor for the entire Recreation Department. An activity fee of $1.00 per month allows participation in all activities taught by recreation staff and volunteers. The activity fee is waived if the person is a participant of the Senior

Nutrition Program. It is the City of Tampa Recreation Department's philosophy to never refuse services to anyone because of monetary circumstance.

Classes at the center are taught by the Recreation staff, adult education teachers, volunteers and specialists. Adult education teachers are paid by the Hillsborough County School System and specialists are paid by the fes charged to the participants of their classes. Specialists are not allowed to charge more than $2.75 for an hour-long class. A materials fee can be assessed to offset the cost of materials provided for the class if necessary. The following is a list of all classes, support groups, etc. that we offer our participants.

FITNESS CLASSES: Physical Fitness, Tai-Chi, Flexibility, Happy Hour Exercise,

DANCE CLASSES: Square Dance, Golden Age Square Dance, Beginner & Intermediate Square Dance Lessons, Square Dance Clubs, Round Dance, Tap Dance, Line Dance Sr. Style, Country Western Line Dance

THE ARTS: Calligraphy, Drawing, Watercolor, Painting

GAMES: Shuffleboard, Bunco – Bunco, Bingo, Pinochle

MUSIC CLASS

Beginner & Advanced Music, Music Appreciation Class, Golden Voices

UTILITARIAN ARTS: Cooking

LANGUAGE: Conversational Spanish

SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

A hot noon meal, which meets ½ of the recommended daily allowance of nutrients for seniors ages 60 and over. Funded through Hillsborough County Aging Services, State of Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Florida Office of Aging. See brochure for more information. Served Monday - Friday.

The David M. Barksdale Center is a community center specifically designed for senior citizens and the disabled. The City of Tampa Recreation Department and the Aging Services Senior Citizens Nutrition and Activity Program work together to promote better health among the older segment of the population through improved nutrition and to provide recreation in an attempt to reduce the isolation so often accompanying old age, offering the residents of the city of Tampa the opportunity to live their remaining lives with dignity.

The program is open to all individuals age 60 and over, and their spouses; regardless of race, religion, creed, or national origin.

Activities such as the arts, field trips, crafts, special speakers, community education classes, films, exercise and group walking programs, special events, (i.e. Senior Games) are provided to foster the well being of program participants through social interaction and satisfying use of leisure time. David M. Barksdale Center serves approximately 4,310 participants on a monthly basis.

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To: Joshua S. Gottheimer/WHO/EOP@EOP

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Subject: information on florida managed care

Let's be clear: It's simply not working

Hey -- here's some useful information:

Medicare+Choice organizations were required to notify HCFA by July 3, 2000, if they would renew their existing contracts for 2001.

Sixty-five Medicare+Choice HMOs chose not to renew their Medicare+Choice contracts and 53 reduced their service areas, affecting more than 934,000 Medicare beneficiaries. About 17 percent or 159,000 of these beneficiaries will be left with no Medicare+Choice HMO options.

In Florida, there were 87,727 Medicare beneficiaries participating in managed care plans that withdrew from ~~their service area~~. Out of these beneficiaries, 25,979 (30 percent) were left without another Medicare managed care option.

other

(I wasn't there for your whole conversation with Chris, but just in case he didn't explain -- most Medicare managed care plans offer drug coverage, which is why they were originally so popular with seniors -- and why they serve as a real-life illustration that a private market drug benefit doesn't work.)

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks, Devorah

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Subject: disability person to talk about in remarks

Patricia Fell, from Clearwater, Florida is a 60 year old woman with hip problems that make it impossible for her to walk or to bear weight. Her disability makes her eligible for SSDI payments and Medicare for her health insurance. She works part time (25 hours a week) at Special Data Processing, and her salary from her job together with her SSDI payments provides her with an annual salary of $18,000. She spends approximately $4,300 a year to pay for the prescription medications, including painkillers, that make it possible for her to work.

She was previously eligible for Medicaid coverage and recieved prescription drug coverage through that program, but began to work so much that her income increased to the point that she became ineligible for Medicaid benefits.

Now that Jeffords-Kennedy has made it possible for her to buy-into Medicare and begin to work full time, she would like to do that. However, even Medicare won't provide her with the prescription drug benefits she needs to work. Because of this, she strongly supports a prescription drug benefit in Medicare, so that she can continue get the drugs she needs to work. Pat, who was a foster mother to 87 children, feels that working provides her with dignity, and she does not want to stop.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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RADIO ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE NATION

The Oval Office

10:06 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Good morning. With fewer than 40 days left on the congressional calendar, I'd like to speak with you about how we can seize this moment to modernize Medicare and help all seniors afford the prescription drugs that can lengthen and enrich their lives.

It was just 35 years ago this month that President Johnson signed the Medicare Act into law. He spoke of Medicare joining Social Security as a cornerstone of our society upon which the hopes and dreams of generations of seniors could securely rest. He directed our nation, in his words, "never to ignore those who suffer untended, in a land that is bursting with abundance."

Over these past 35 years, Medicare has proven to be a remarkable success. Before Medicare, nearly half of America's seniors didn't have any health coverage at all. Serious illness often wiped away in an instant all the savings families had put away over a lifetime of hard work. Today, nearly every senior has the security of basic health coverage. And since that time, elderly poverty has fallen dramatically, and Americans over 65 have the highest life expectancy anywhere in the world.

Yet, for all its successes, Medicare has not fully kept pace with the miracles of modern medicine. The original Medicare law was written at a time when patients' lives were more often saved by scalpels and pharmaceuticals; when many of the life-saving drugs we now routinely use did not even exist.

No one creating Medicare today would even consider excluding coverage for prescription drugs. That's why we've proposed a comprehensive plan to provide voluntary prescription drug benefits that are affordable for all seniors -- a plan that ensures that all Medicare beneficiaries, no matter where they live or how sick they are, will pay the same affordable premiums; a plan that covers catastrophic drug costs; a plan that is part of an overall effort to strengthen and modernize Medicare so we won't have to ask our children to shoulder our burden when we retire.

Across the nation we've seen a great outpouring of support for adding such a prescription drug benefit. And yet I'm increasingly concerned that efforts in Congress are bogging down. One reason for this is clear: the pharmaceutical industry has unleashed a shameless, scorched-earth campaign to thwart the will of the American people.

And industry-funded group calling itself Citizens for Better Medicare -- can you believe that? -- has flooded the airwaves with negative ads against our plan. Just this week we learned that the drug companies have enlisted nearly 300 hard-gun lobbyists -- more than one for ever two members of Congress -- and paid them to do everything in their power to block all meaningful reforms. All told, the drug industry has spent a staggering $236 million on its lobbying efforts. These millions would be a lot better spent on research for new medicines.

The pharmaceutical industry is pushing Congress to adopt a private insurance program, rather than a Medicare prescription drug benefit. Insurers, themselves, however, say this won't work, and they won't participate. Just today we learned that the state of Nevada is using a private insurance model that's very similar to the plan passed by the Republican majority in the House of Representatives last week. Not surprisingly, it has not found one single qualified insurer willing to participate.

You have to give it to the insurance companies; they have been honest here. They have said that the Republican plan won't work. It's a plan designed for those who make the drugs, not for the seniors who need to take them.

So today I call on Congress to reject that approach and the reckless campaign of narrow special interests, and act together in the public interest. We need a prescription drug benefit that works for seniors and people with disabilities, not just for the pharmaceutical industry.

A few weeks ago I put forth a good-faith proposal to do just that. I said that if Congress will agree to pass a plan that offers affordable Medicare prescription drug coverage to all seniors and people with disabilities, while protecting our hard-won fiscal discipline, then I will sign a marriage penalty relief law of equal size.

At this time of year it's natural that we begin to think ahead to Election Day, but let's keep in mind, as well, the spirit of common purpose we just celebrated on Independence Day. That's the spirit I hope members of Congress will bring back to our Nation's Capital when they return to work Monday. At a time when America is once again bursting with abundance, there shouldn't be a limit on what we can achieve.

Thanks for listening.

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Here are the two we always use -- but if you need more I can dig them up.

Call with questions, and thanks, Devorah

"Private, stand-alone prescription drug coverage will not work. To pass legislation to provide access to such coverage would constitute an empty promise to Medicare beneficiaries." [The Blue Cross / Blue Shield Association Letter to Senator Roth, 4/24/00]

In addition, HIAA says that coverage anticipated by the Republican proposal is "virtually impossible for insurers to offer to seniors at an affordable premium." [HIAA Release, 6/13/00]

Even a letter to Blue cross / blue shield ~~sign~~ sp →

PRESIDENT CLINTON AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS: ***Florida***

+ in Tampa ..

EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

- ***Unemployment Down to 3.8%:*** The unemployment rate in Florida has declined from 7.3% to 3.8% since 1993.
  and 4 million in Tampa area →
- ***1,690,900 New Jobs:*** 1,690,900 new jobs have been created in Florida since 1993 -- an average of 227,283 jobs per year, compared to an average of just 70,750 jobs per year in the previous administration.
- ***1,547,900 New Private Sector Jobs:*** Since 1993, 1,547,900 new private sector jobs have been created in Florida—~~an average of 211,077 jobs per year~~, compared to an average of just 48,775 private sector jobs per year in the previous administration.
- ***97,000 New Construction Jobs:*** 97,000 construction jobs have been created in Florida since 1993 -- an average of 13,227 jobs per year. In contrast, an average of 15,650 construction jobs were *lost* each year during the previous administration.
- ***556,000 Have Received a Raise:*** Approximately 214,000 Florida workers benefited from an increase in the minimum wage—from $4.25 to $4.75 -- on October 1, 1996. They, along with about 342,000 more, received an additional raise—from $4.75 to $5.15 -- on September 1, 1997. President Clinton and Vice President Gore have called on Congress to raise the minimum wage by an additional $1.00 over two years.
- ***Poverty Has Fallen:*** Nationally, the poverty rate has fallen from 15.1% in 1993 to 12.7% in 1998. In Florida, the poverty rate has fallen from 17.8% in 1993 to 13.7% in 1998 -- down 4.1% under President Clinton. [Census Bureau]
- ***A $500 Child Tax Credit to Help Families Raising Children:*** To help make it easier for families to raise their children, the balanced budget included a $500 per-child tax credit for children under 17. **Thanks to President Clinton, the balanced budget delivers a child tax credit to 1,333,000 families in Florida.**
- ***Business Failures Down 14.9%:*** Business failures in Florida have dropped 14.9% per year since 1993, after increasing 27.8% per year during the previous 12 years. [Oct. 98 data]
- ***Home Building Up 5.7% Per Year:*** New home building in Florida has increased 5.7% per year since 1993, after falling an average of 12.1% per year during the previous administration.
- ***Homeownership has increased:*** Homeownership in Florida has increased from 66% to 67.6% since 1993.
- ***Florida's Families Reap Benefits of Deficit Reduction:*** Public debt is on track to be $2.4 trillion lower in 2000 than was projected in 1993. Debt reduction brings real benefits for the American people -- a family in Florida with a home mortgage of $100,000 might expect to save roughly $2,000 per year in mortgage payments. Reduced debt also means lower interest rates and reduced payments on car loans and student loans.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION

- ***Nearly 30,800 Children in Head Start:*** 30,792 Florida children were enrolled in Head Start in 1999. In FY00, Florida will receive $197.2 million in Head Start funding, an increase of $104.5 million over 1993.
- ***More High-Quality Teachers With Smaller Classes for Florida's Schools:*** Thanks to the Class Size Reduction Initiative, Florida received $52 million in 1999 to hire about 1,333 new, well-prepared public school teachers and reduce class size in the early grades. President Clinton secured funding for a second installment of the plan, giving Florida an additional $56.2 million in 2000.

- ***$21.3 Million in Goals 2000 Funding:*** This year [FY00], Florida receives $21.3 million in Goals 2000 funding. This money is used to raise academic achievement by raising academic standards, increasing parental and community involvement in education, expanding the use of computers and technology in classrooms, and supporting high-quality teacher professional development. [Education Department, 12/3/99]
- ***Over $19 Million for Technology Literacy:*** This year [FY00], Florida receives $19.2 million -- doubling its funding over FY97 -- for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund which helps communities and the private sector ensure that every student is equipped with the computer literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
- ***$373.8 Million for Students Most in Need:*** Florida will receive nearly $373.8 million in Title I Grants (to Local Educational Agencies) providing extra help in the basics for students most in need, particularly communities and schools with high concentrations of children in low-income families [FY00]. This includes $6.3 million in accountability grants, to help states and school districts turn around the worst performing schools and hold them accountable for results.
- ***$407.8 Million in Pell Grants:*** This year [FY00], Florida will receive $407.8 million in Pell Grants for low-income students going to college, benefiting 196,908 Florida students.
- ***Expanded Work-Study To Help More Students Work Their Way Through College:*** The FY00 budget includes a significant expansion of the Federal Work Study program. Florida will receive $35.2 million in Work-Study funding in 2000 to help Florida students work their way through college.
- ***Over 4,200 Have Served in Florida through AmeriCorps:*** Since the National Service program began in 1993, 4,252 AmeriCorps participants have earned money for college while working in Florida's schools, hospitals, neighborhoods or parks. [through 2/00]
- ***Tuition Tax Credits in Balanced Budget Open the Doors of College and Promote Lifelong Learning:*** The balanced budget included both President Clinton's $1,500 HOPE Scholarship to help make the first two years of college as universal as a high school diploma and a Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for college juniors, seniors, graduate students and working Americans pursuing lifelong learning to upgrade their skills. This 20% tax credit will be applied to the first $5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and to the first $10,000 thereafter. **300,000 students in Florida will receive a HOPE Scholarship tax credit of up to $1,500. 366,000 students in Florida will receive the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit**. [fully phased-in FY2000 estimate]
- ***Expanded Job Training to Florida's Dislocated Workers:*** President Clinton's FY 2001 budget would triple funding for the dislocated workers program over 1992 levels. Florida received $44.8 million in 1999 to help 26,560 dislocated workers get the training and reemployment services they need to return to work as quickly as possible. In FY 2000, Florida will receive over $41 million to provide job training services for dislocated workers.

FIGHTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE

- ***Violent Crime Falls 8% in Florida:*** Since 1992, violent crime in Florida has fallen 8%. In Florida's cities, serious crime, as indicated by the crime index, has declined 17% in Jacksonville, 22% in Tallahassee, 23% in Miami, and 20% in Tampa. [1992 and 1997 Uniform Crime Report]
- ***6,536 More Police:*** The President's 1994 Crime Bill has funded 6,536 new police officers to date in communities across Florida. [through 7/00]
- ***Miami and Fort Pierce Will Receive Targeted Funding to Hire More Community Police:*** Miami and Fort Pierce were selected as pilot cities for the President's new effort to target high crime neighborhoods. The pilot program will provide full funding for new officers by waiving the usual matching

requirements. Miami and Fort Pierce will deploy new officers to help meet the unique needs of their communities, such as combating gangs or targeting drug "hot spots."

- ***Reducing Crime with Drug Courts:*** Working to reduce drug-related crime in Florida, the Clinton Administration has awarded Drug Court grants to the communities of Ocala, Orlando, Sarasota, DeLand, Miami, Tampa, and Ft. Lauderdale. The Administration had previously awarded grants to a number of Florida communities including: Jacksonville, Key West, Marathon, Moorehaven, Gainesville, Pensacola, and Plantation Key. Drug courts use the coercive power of the criminal justice system to combine drug testing, sanctions, supervision and treatment to push nonviolent, drug-abusing offenders to stop using drugs and committing crimes.
- ***$29.2 Million to Combat Domestic Violence:*** Through the Violence Against Women Act, Florida has received $29.2 million in federal funds since FY95 to establish more women's shelters and bolster law enforcement, prosecution and victims' services. And in October 1999, the University of North Florida was awarded $143,547 to help address sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking on campus. [through FY99]
- ***Over $3.1 Million in Grants for Battered Women and Children:*** In FY98, Florida received over $3.1 million in HHS's Family Violence Prevention Program grants to assist women and children fleeing domestic abuse.
- ***$20.5 Million to Keep Drugs & Violence Out of Florida's Schools:*** Florida receives $20.5 million in FY00 for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program, which invests in school security and drug prevention programs.

welfare rolls are down

MOVING FLORIDIANS FROM WELFARE TO WORK

- ***528,501 Fewer People on Welfare:*** Th~~ere are 528~~,501 fewer people on welfare in Florida now than there were at the beginning of 1993 -- a 75% decrease~~. [th~~rough 6/99]
- ***~~Child Support Coll~~ections Up 104%:*** Child support collections have increased by $264 million—or 104% -- in Florida since FY92. [through FY98]
- ***Encouraging Responsible Choices—Preventing Teen Pregnancy in Florida:*** Since 1993, President Clinton and Vice President Gore have supported innovative and promising teen pregnancy prevention strategies, with significant components of the strategy becoming law in the 1996 Personal Responsibility Act. The law requires unmarried minor parents to stay in school and live at home or in a supervised setting; encourages "second chance homes" to provide teen parents with the skills and support they need; and provides $50 million a year in new funding for state abstinence education activities. Efforts are making a difference, adolescent pregnancy rates and teen abortion rates are declining. **And between 1991 and 1997, teen birth rates declined 16.1% in Florida.**
- ***$92.7 Million for Florida Welfare-to-Work:*** In 1998, Florida received $50.8 million in Federal welfare-to-work state formula grants (the state matched $25.4 million in funding), helping Florida welfare recipients get and keep jobs. In addition, in 1999 and 1998 a total of $16.5 million in competitive grants were awarded to Florida localities to support innovative welfare-to-work strategies. Part of the President's comprehensive efforts to move recipients from welfare to work, this funding was included in the $3 billion welfare to work fund in the 1997 Balanced Budget Act.
- ***Helping People Get to Work***: Through the Access to Jobs initiative, the Clinton-Gore Administration is working with communities across the country to design transportation solutions to help welfare recipients and other low-income workers get to and from work. Jacksonville and Ft. Lauderdale have received a total of $2.5 million this year to fund innovative transit projects.

INVESTING IN FLORIDA'S HEALTH

- ***Health Care for Nearly 155,000 Uninsured Florida Children:*** In 1997, President Clinton passed the largest single investment in health care for children since 1965 -- an unprecedented $24 billion over five years to cover as many as five million children throughout the nation. This investment guarantees the full range of benefits that children need to grow up strong and healthy. Two million children nationwide have health care coverage thanks to the President's plan, including 154,594 in Florida. [HHS, Health Care Financing Administration, FY99 SCHIP enrollment data]
- ***Helping Over 338,000 Florida Women and Children with WIC:*** The Clinton Administration is committed to full funding in the Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). In FY99, Florida received $192.4 million in total WIC grant funding, helping 338,906 women, infants and children in need receive health and food assistance, 47,000 more than in 1994. [through 8/99]
- ***More Toddlers Are Being Immunized:*** As a result of the President's 1993 Childhood Immunization Initiative, childhood immunization rates have reached an historic high. According to the CDC, 90% or more of America's toddlers received the most critical doses of each of the routinely recommended vaccines in 1996, 1997, and again in 1998 —surpassing the President's 1993 goal. In Florida in 1998, 92% of two-year olds received the vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis; 89% received the vaccine for polio; 92% received the vaccine for measles, and 92% received the vaccine for *Haemophilus influenzae* B, the bacteria causing a form of meningitis.
- ***Funding for HIV/AIDS Assistance Programs:*** In FY 2000, Florida will receive over $27 million in Ryan White Title II formula grants. This funding provides people living with HIV and AIDS medical and support services. Also through the Ryan White Act, Florida will receive nearly $57 million for state AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs), which help those without insurance obtain much needed prescription drugs. There has been a tenfold increase in ADAP funding in the last four years, up from $52 million in 1996 to $528 million in 2000. [HHS, Health Resources and Services Administration, 4/7/00]
- ***Tobacco Plan Will Cut Smoking and Premature Deaths by 42% in Florida:*** The Clinton Administration's tobacco proposal, combined with the recently enacted state tobacco settlements, will cut youth smoking and resulting premature deaths 42% in Florida by 2004. Between 2000 and 2004, 179,400 of Florida's youth will be kept from smoking and 57,400 will be spared a premature tobacco-related death. [Treasury Dept., 2/99]
- ***5,470,000 Americans in Florida Cannot Be Assured They Have Patient Protections:*** Even if Florida enacted all the protections in the Patients' Bill of Rights, 5,470,000 people in Florida cannot be assured they have the comprehensive patient protections recommended by the President's Advisory Commission. This is because the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) may preempt state-enacted protections. That is why the President has called on Congress to pass a federally enforceable patients' bill of rights so that everyone enrolled in managed care may have a basic set of protections. Notably, 2,710,000 Florida women are in ERISA health plans and are therefore not necessarily protected. Women are particularly vulnerable without these protections because they are greater users of health care services, they make three-quarters of the health care decisions for their families, and they have specific health care needs addressed by a patients' bill of rights.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

- ***29 Toxic Waste Sites Cleaned Up:*** Since 1993, the EPA has completed 29 Superfund toxic waste cleanups in Florida -- more than three times the number of sites cleaned up in Florida under the previous two administrations. [through 3/1/00]

- ***$22.5 Million in Safe Drinking Water Funding:*** This year [FY00], thanks to President Clinton, Florida will receive $22.5 million for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds to provide low-interest loans to municipalities to build, improve, and prevent pollution of drinking water systems.
- ***Revitalizing Brownfields in Florida:*** As part of the Clinton-Gore Administration's efforts to clean up Brownfields, the EPA has awarded grants to 10 Florida communities and regions—Clearwater, Gainesville, Miami, St. Petersburg, Jacksonville, and Tallahassee—for environmental clean-up and economic revitalization. Dade County, Escambia County, Seminole Tribe and Southeast Florida will also receive Brownfields grants. These projects are intended to jump-start local clean-up efforts by providing funds to return unproductive, abandoned, contaminated urban properties to productive use.

SPEARHEADING URBAN AND RURAL RENEWAL EFFORTS

- ***Revitalizing Florida's Communities:*** In 1994, Tampa, Jackson County and Miami were all designated Enterprise Communities and were awarded $3 million each to create more jobs, housing, and economic opportunity for area residents. In 1999, Miami was designated as a new Urban Empowerment Zone and Immokalee was named as a Rural Enterprise Community.
- ***Expanding the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Will Help Develop 6,500 To 7,800 New Affordable Housing Units in Florida Over the Next 5 Years:*** Last year, the President and Vice President pushed for a 40-percent expansion in the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. This year, the President and Vice President will try again to enact tax incentives to develop affordable housing. In Florida alone, this proposal would mean an additional 6,500 - 7,800 quality rental housing units for low-income American families during the next five years.

PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF

- ***$803.2 Million in Federal Emergency Assistance:*** Since 1993, Florida has received $803.2 million in disaster relief. This includes over $146 million in 1998 to aid victims of Tropical storm Josephine, flooding, severe storms, tornadoes, extreme fire hazards, Hurricane Earl and Hurricane Georges. Also included in this total was $107 million in assistance Florida received for Hurricane Opal, which occurred in 1995. [FEMA, 2/29/00]

EXPANDING FUNDS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT

- ***Over $3.6 Billion in Federal Highway Aid:*** Since 1993, Florida has received over $3.6 billion in federal highway aid. This includes $149.3 million for emergency relief in response to natural disasters and $600,000 for scenic byways. These funds have helped generate 161,426 jobs. [through FY99]
- ***Over $558.2 Million in Aviation Funds:*** From FY93-FY99 Florida received over $558.2 million in Airport Improvement Program funds to help build and renovate airports, and, when necessary, to provide funds for noise abatement to improve the quality of life for residents who live near airports.
- ***Over $1.2 Billion in Transit Funds:*** Since 1993, Florida has received over $1.2 billion in federal Transit Funding.
- ***Saving Lives and Property:*** In 1999, the United States Coast Guard saved 692 lives and over $49.5 million of property in Florida.

Devorah R. Adler
07/28/2000 06:37:21 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Joshua S. Gottheimer/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Real Person for Monday's Event

Here is our speaker for Monday -- call me if you have any other questions.

Thanks, Devorah

takes ~~[illegible]~~ more than 9 pills a day for everything from high cholestrol – to ~~heart~~ heart condition

Sylvia Kessler is an 81-year-old widow from Tamarac, FL. She is a mother of three and grandmother to eight. She is a Medicare beneficiary and ~~has~~ supplemental health insurance with no prescription drug coverage. She takes approximately 9 pills a day for various conditions, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, a heart condition, and ~~depression~~. ~~She spends~~ approximately $2300 a year on medications. Her income comes from social security, a small pension, and the wages she earns from working. While she is already 81 years old and wishes she could stop working, she must still take part time jobs to earn enough money to pay for her medications. Her annual income is a little over $20,000. Due to the financial strain she suffers she is sometimes forced to cut back on her medications, although she tries not to and her doctor tells her she must take them. She believes that it would be enormously helpful to have a drug benefit in the Medicare program, and worries about whether Medicare and Social Security will around for her children and grandchildren.

Devorah R. Adler
07/30/2000 01:54:01 PM

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To: Joshua S. Gottheimer/WHO/EOP@EOP

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Subject: pay more, get less

- **Medicare beneficiaries with disabilities who lack prescription drug coverage pay out-of-pocket 50 percent more for 50 percent fewer prescriptions.** Disabled beneficiaries without coverage must pay for all of their costs for prescription drugs compared to those with coverage who pay less out-of-pocket ($474 versus $312 per year). Although they pay more, uncovered Medicare beneficiaries get less. Medicare's disabled beneficiaries without coverage fill on average only 16 prescriptions per year compared to 32 prescriptions for those with prescription drug coverage. Total drug spending for disabled beneficiaries without coverage is about 60 percent below that of those with prescription drug coverage ($474 versus $1,226 per year).

out of the fixed incomes of too many seniors and people with disabilities. Too many [of them] are forced to choose between filling their prescriptions and filling their grocery carts. Too many are simply not getting the medicines they need.

Right here in Florida, for example, [hundreds of thousands of seniors] [don?t have] LACK the benefits of dependable prescription drug coverage. Thousands of other[s] SENIORS have tried to get coverage through private health plans and managed care. Some have succeeded ? [but too many of them were] ONLY TO BE DROPPED later [dropped from] BY their private care plans, AND LEFT [leaving them] with nothing more than an empty medicine chest. In fact, just this year, nearly a million Medicare beneficiaries around the country ? [and] more than 85,000 in Florida alone ? were dropped BY [from] their managed care plans. CUT OFF FROM THE CARE THEY SO DESPERATELY NEED. For most seniors, that [only] leaves ONLY one alternative for drug coverage: they can buy into a private Medigap plan, which costs hundreds OF dollars a month for a benefit that won?t even pay for catastrophic drug costs.

[** I THINK YOU HAVE TO DO TWO THINGS HERE BEFORE BASHING THE GOP'S: 1) THE REPORT, WHICH FOLLOWS NICELY ON THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH; AND 2) OUR PLAN. THE FOLLOWING FEW PARAGRAPHS ARE PRECEDED BY NUMBERS WHICH INDICATES THE ORDER IN WHICH I THINK THEY SHOULD GO.**]

[6] THIS WEEK, YOU MAY HEAR THE REPUBLICANS IN PHILADELPHIA TOUTING THESE TAX BILLS – AS WELL AS SOMETHING THEY GENEROUSLY CHARACTERIZE AS THEIR OWN PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN. LET'S TALK A LITTLE ABOUT THAT PLAN. The Republicans in Congress have passed a [CUT: plan that builds on the already-flawed private Medigap-insurance market. It?s a] private insurance plan that many seniors and people with disabilities simply won?t be able to afford. [It?s a plan that] IT SIMPLY won?t offer affordable and accessible coverage to all seniors. [It?s a] THE REPUBLICAN plan [that] relies on a trickle-down scheme that [would] provide[S] a subsidy for insurers, BUT [and] not a single dollar of [direct premium assistance THIS IS KIND OF WONKY JENNINGS LANGUAGE – IS THIS NECESSARY?] for middle-class seniors.

[7] [I don?t know about you, but t] That doesn?t sound like MUCH OF a [good] plan to me. AND YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO HEAR WHO AGREES WITH ME—THE INSURANCE COS. THEMSELVES. [You know who else doesn?t think so?] EVEN THE [I]nsurance companies [themselves have said] CONCEDE that a Medigap-insurance model won?t work for prescription drug coverage[.] [I'VE MOVED THIS SENTENCE HERE: [Listen to] HERE'S what one insurance company HAS TO SAY: [said,] ?Private, stand-alon[E] prescription drug coverage will not work ? Such coverage would constitute an empty promise to Medicare beneficiaries.? AND, MAKING THIS A SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECY, THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE REFUSING [that they won?t] even TO participate in such a program. [Even] [T]he state of Nevada, which tried to implement a private insurance model similar to the Republican plan, couldn?t find one single qualified insurer willing to participate. It?s clear that the Republican plan is designed for [those] THE PHARMACEUTICAL COS. who make the drugs, not [for] the seniors who need to take them.

[1] As difficult as this problem is for seniors, it?s AN even GREATER [more of a] challenge for Americans with disabilities. Today I?m releasing a report which highlights that fact. THE REPORT SHOWS THAT [P]eople with disabilities purchase 40 [forty] percent more drugs than the TYPICAL [average] Medicare beneficiary. And, like THE seniors who LACK [don?t have] drug coverage, they pay more for the drugs they do get. On average, Medicare beneficiaries with disabilities spend 50 percent

Josh Gotthelf

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Rebecca J. Salay 07/28/2000 06:20:05 PM

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This has econ stats for the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater metro area. If you go click the "history" section it will give you then/now stats. (not knowing exactlywhat you want, I thought it'd be easier to send you the page.)

http://stats.bls.gov/eag/eag.tampa.htm

Also the florida state sheet includes tampa-specific stats in crime, enterprise communities, and drug courts - thought it might help.

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Metropolitan Area at a Glance

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL

About the data

	History	Jan 2000	Feb 2000	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	May 2000	June 2000
Labor Force Data							
Civilian Labor Force (1)		1,220.3	1,229.0	1,240.1	1,242.1	1,253.4	
Employment (1)		1,182.3	1,194.9	1,206.5	1,207.3	1,219.2	
Unemployment (1)		38.1	34.1	33.6	34.7	34.2	
Unemployment Rate (2)		3.1	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment							
Total (3)		1,181.8	1,196.2	1,208.2	1,207.2	1,212.0	1,213.6 (P)
12-month % change -- Total		4.8	4.6	4.8	4.9	5.1	4.9 (P)
Mining (3)		0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4 (P)
12-month % change -- Mining		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 (P)
Construction (3)		55.6	55.8	56.2	56.2	56.4	56.7 (P)
12-month % change -- Construction		1.5	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.3	0.5 (P)
Manufacturing (3)		89.7	89.7	90.1	90.2	90.7	91.2 (P)
12-month % change -- Manufacturing		1.4	0.7	1.2	1.6	2.0	1.9 (P)
Transportation and Public Utilities (3)		53.8	54.3	54.8	54.7	54.8	54.9 (P)
12-month % change -- T&PU		2.1	2.1	3.0	3.6	3.8	4.0 (P)
Trade (Wholesale and Retail) (3)		264.5	266.2	268.1	266.0	265.4	265.5 (P)
12-month % change -- Trade		1.7	1.6	1.6	0.9	0.9	1.1 (P)
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate (3)		85.6	86.3	86.5	86.3	86.7	87.1 (P)
12-month % change -- FIRE		2.1	2.4	2.5	2.9	3.1	3.4 (P)
Services (3)		494.7	503.4	510.7	512.4	513.0	517.7 (P)
12-month % change -- Services		9.0	8.7	8.8	9.0	8.5	8.7 (P)
Government (Federal, State, and Local) (3)		137.5	140.1	141.4	141.0	144.6	140.1 (P)
12-month % change -- Government		2.8	2.6	3.4	3.5	6.4	3.9 (P)

Footnotes:

(1) Number of persons, in thousands, not seasonally adjusted

(2) In percent, not seasonally adjusted

(3) Number of jobs, in thousands, not seasonally adjusted

(4) All Urban Consumers, base: 1982-84=100, not seasonally adjusted

(5) Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, base: 1982-84=100, not seasonally adjusted

(P) Preliminary

Last Update: July 27, 2000

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Geographically based survey data available from BLS:

Employment & Unemployment

- Nonfarm Payroll Statistics from the CES (State and Area)
- Local Area Unemployment Statistics
- Covered Employment and Wages
- Mass Layoff Statistics
- Occupational Employment Statistics
- Geographic Profile

Prices & Living Conditions

- Consumer Price Index
- Consumer Expenditure Survey

Compensation & Working Conditions

- National Compensation Survey
- Employment Cost Index
- Safety and Health Statistics

Additional information is available from the BLS Regional Economic Analysis and Information Office in Atlanta.

Economy at a Glance

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JOSH – IT THINK THIS IS QUITE GOOD. IT'S GOT ALL THE ELEMENTS IT NEEDS, AND EXPLAINS ITSELF VERY WELL. MY MAJOR COMMENTS ARE STRUCTURAL IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE SPEECH – AS WE KEEP TRYING TO FIND THE RIGHT FLOW FOR THOSE PARAGRAPHS. I HAVE A SUGGESTED ORDER BELOW. OTHERWISE, I'VE TRIED TO TIGHTEN THE LANGUAGE WHERE I CAN. AS USUAL, ADDITIONS IN CAPS, CUTS & COMMENTS IN BRACKETS. -- JEFF

Draft 7/30/00 4:20pm
Josh Gottheimer

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG[s] [BENEFIT]
TAMPA, FLORIDA
July 31, 2000

Ack[NOWLEDGMENTS]: Rep. Nelson. Sylvia Kessler.

When this center was founded in 1942, it was a place where Army and Air Force personnel could enjoy its comforts during off-duty hours. While the use[S] of the Barksdale Center ha[VE] changed over the years, its MAIN purpose hasn?t: [It?s still a place that] IT STILL serves those who?ve served our nation [--] [either] in uniform or in so many other important ways.

Today, as Sylvia Kessler just told us, the Barksdale Center has become a second home for [so] many of Tampa?s seniors and disabled citizens. It?s a place to take music classes, to learn the to two-step, and to get a nutritious meal. And most importantly, it?s a BEDROCK [symbol] of security ? a place you all rely on in both good and bad times.

It was in that same spirit that President Roosevelt created Social Security back in 1935. And [that] 30 years later [this very month], [that] President Lyndon Johnson signed the Medicare Act into law ? [forging] [--] a cornerstone upon which generations of seniors could securely rest.

Over these past 35 years, Medicare has proven to be a remarkable Success AND A SOLID GUARANTEE. Before Medicare, more than half of America?s seniors [didn?t have any] HAD NO health care coverage at all. Serious illness often wiped away in an instant all the savings families had put away over a lifetime of hard work. Today, however, nearly every senior has the security of basic health coverage. As a result, [elderly] poverty AMONG THE ELDERLY has fallen dramatically, and Americans over 65 have the highest life expectancy OF ALL THE WORLD'S SENIOR CITIZENS. [anywhere in the world.]

Yet, for all its success, Medicare has not fully kept pace with the GROWING miracles of modern medicine. [The original] Medicare [law] was CREATED [written] at a time when patients? lives were more often saved by scalpels than by pharmaceuticals ? when many of the life-saving drugs we now use did not even exist. But [now] prescription drugs can TODAY accomplish [-- with less pain, fewer complications, and lower costs --] what once could be done only through EXPENSIVE surgery. No one creating Medicare today would even consider excluding coverage for prescription drugs. Adding [A VOLUNTARY] prescription drug benefit [TO MEDICARE] is not just the right thing to do. Medically speaking, it?s also the smart thing to do.

Yet today, more than three in five American seniors lack dependable drug coverage. And the cost of prescription drugs is taking too big a bite

America out of debt by 2012.

[CUT So, as the Republican leaders meet in Philadelphia this week, I urge them to stop to think of all the Americans outside the convention hall who are living without affordable prescription drug coverage.]

[9] President Franklin Roosevelt once said, ?Our progress must continue to be a steady and deliberate one; we cannot stand still, we cannot slip back.? Like the buccaneers [WILL HE GET THIS REFERENCE]of old, let?s not let the Republican majority SACRIFICE [steel] our prosperity, squander our surplus, and turn back the clock on our progress. Instead, let?s put election-YEAR politics aside, and work together on a 21st century budget ? one that protects our priorities [CUT, like prescription drugs,] and puts the HEALTH AND THE SECURITY [interests] of the American people first.

Thank you.

Devorah R. Adler
07/30/2000 01:53:37 PM

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To: Joshua S. Gottheimer/WHO/EOP@EOP

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Subject: disability facts

° **40 percent more prescriptions.** The average beneficiary with disabilities fills 28 prescriptions per year, compared to the overall Medicare average of 20 prescriptions.

° **50 percent higher total spending on prescription drugs.** This reflects not only the higher use of medications of disabled beneficiaries but the higher prices of those drugs.

° **3 times more likely to have high total drug spending.** About 10 percent of beneficiaries with disabilities had total drug costs in excess of $2,500 in 1996, compared to 3 percent of beneficiaries who are elderly. The proportion of beneficiaries with disabilities with costs greater than $1,000 is twice as high as elderly beneficiaries.

My tax cuts will also help send our children to college, care for sick family members, pay for child care, and ease the burden on working families. And because my plan will cost substantially less than the cuts proposed by Congress, we will still have enough money to provide a Medicare prescription drug benefit, strengthen Social Security, modernize Medicare and stay on track to pay down the debt in 2012.

We have the resources – what we need is a vision that extends beyond the November elections, and a commitment to benefit all Americans, not just a few. That is why I have asked Congress to work with me on a balanced framework for tax cuts, investments and debt reduction.

Throughout our history, America has been at its finest when we looked to the future, and when we chose the right way instead of the easy way. The challenge of responding to prosperity is as great a test of our values and judgement as any we have faced as a nation. Today the right way is for Democrats and Republicans to put election politics aside and work together to craft a 21st century budget – a framework for targeted tax cuts and responsible economic policies. This surplus comes from the hard work and ingenuity of the American people. I urge Congress to answer them with some hard work and vision of its own.

Thanks for listening.

Paul D. Glastris
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Paul Glastris

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON VETOING TAX BILL
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC
July 26, 2000

Over 210 years ago, the Founders vested in the President the power to veto legislation, because, they wrote, "impressions of the moment may sometimes hurry [Congress] into measures which itself, on maturer reflexion, would condemn." A few moments ago, I exercised that power by vetoing the tax bill Congress sent me yesterday, because "impressions of the moment" must not be allowed to undermine the long-term prosperity of our nation.

For seven years now, America has followed a steady course of fiscal discipline and investment in our people. That course has brought us from record budget deficits to record surpluses, and produced the longest economic expansion in history, with over 22 million new jobs, the lowest unemployment rate in 30 years, and the lowest minority unemployment rate in our history.

But instead of continuing on that course of progress, the Republican majority has been led astray by the "impressions of the moment." It has passed a series of expensive tax bills, one after another. Each on its own seems appealing. But taken together, they would drain every dime of the projected surplus, and risk sending America back to an age of deficits and economic stagnation. Even by Congress' own optimistic estimates, these tax bills would leave nothing for lengthening the life of Social Security or Medicare; nothing for voluntary and affordable Medicare prescription drug benefits; nothing for education and school construction. It would make it impossible for us to get America out of debt by 2012. And that will mean higher interest rates and less economic growth, which in effect would be like raising taxes on the American people.

Consider this: a typical middleclass family will get $220 from the tax cuts that the Republicans have passed this year. But if interest rates went up because of the Republican plan by even one-third of one percent, then that family's mortgage payments would go up by $270, leaving that family worse off than if they had no tax cut at all.

There is a better way. We can maintain our fiscal discipline, cut taxes for the vast majority of Americans this year, and still have the resources we need to pay down the debt, lengthen the life of Social Security and Medicare; add a Medicare prescription drug benefit, and make other investments for the future.

I have proposed a program of targeted tax cuts that will give a middle-class American family substantially more benefits than the Republican plan at less than half the cost. Two-thirds of the relief will go to the middle 60 percent of our people, including our carefully-targeted marriage penalty relief. Our tax cuts will also help send our children to college, with a tax deduction for up to $10,000 in college tuition a year; help to care for sick family members with a $3,000 long-term care tax credit; help to pay for child care and to ease the burden on working families with three or more children; and to pay for desperately needed school construction.

And because our plan will cost substantially less than the tax cuts passed by the Congress, we'll still have the resources we need to provide a Medicare prescription drug benefit; to extend the life of Social Security and Medicare; to pay for the baby boomers' retirement; and to pay down the debt by 2012--so that we can keep interest rates low, keep our economy growing, and provide lower home mortgages, car payments and college loan payments for the American people.

On my watch, we will not squander the surplus. We will not endanger our prosperity. We will have the right kind of tax cuts. On my watch, we will put people first.

And so, having vetoed the first of these tax bills, I say to Congress: let's work together, and pass real tax cuts this year. But they must be the right cuts, targeted to working families, to help our economy grow, not tax bills so big they put our prosperity at risk.

It is in times of good fortune like these that we are most apt to lose our resolve, and make errors of judgement that we will regret later. Fortunately, the Founders understood that tendency, and provided the tool that I am using today. If we continue to be guided by their wisdom, I believe we can not only safeguard our prosperity, but extend it to all Americans for years to come.

Thank you.

Final 07/20/00 7:40pm
Heather Hurlburt

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
RADIO ADDRESS
OKINAWA, JAPAN
July 21, 2000

Good morning. Today I want to talk about securing our economic future – about keeping our prosperity going and extending its benefits to all Americans.

For more than seven years, our nation has stuck to a course of fiscal discipline. We've made tough choices, paid down the national debt, and invested in people. Now that strategy is paying off. We are enjoying the longest economic expansion and the largest budget surplus in our nation's history. And we have the chance to pass responsible tax cuts as we continue to pursue solid economic policy. But instead of following the sensible path that got us here, Congressional Republicans are treating this surplus as if they'd won it in the lottery.

Although it took seven and a half years to put deficits behind us, Congress has already drained more than $900 billion of the surplus on tax breaks – most of it in just the past few weeks. And they've promised to do yet more, working from numbers that are nothing more than estimates for the future. They seem to have forgotten that projections in a report are not dollars in the bank.

Think about it: if someone asked you to sign a contract, committing you to spend every penny of your projected earnings for the next 10 years, would you do it? Would you spend all your money now and save nothing for retirement or educating your children? That's exactly what Congressional Republicans want us to do -- sign away a budget surplus that we don't yet have and may never get. I cannot in good conscience sign one expensive tax break after another without any coherent strategy for safeguarding America's financial future. At this rate, there will be no resources left for a real prescription drug benefit, for paying down the debt or extending the life of Social Security or Medicare.

What is more, the Republican cuts provide relatively few benefits for the vast majority of America's working families. They will provide more relief to the top one percent of taxpayers than to the millions of working people who make up a full 80 percent of taxpayers. These tax breaks spend hundreds of billions of dollars and give one percent of Americans $17,000 a piece while most Americans get less than $200 each.

We should have tax cuts this year – but they should be the right ones. We need tax cuts targeted to working families that will help our economy grow – not tax breaks that will help only a few while putting our prosperity at risk.

That is why I have proposed a program of cuts that will give a middle-class American family more than twice the benefits of the Republican plan. Two-thirds of that relief will go to the middle 60 percent of Americans – including my carefully-targeted marriage penalty relief.

If congressional Republicans truly think these tax bills are good public policy, they'll put them all together and send them to me now, so the American people can add up the costs. But if by Thursday night, when Congress adjourns for the summer, those bills aren't on my desk, then the American people will know the truth: congressional Republicans are just playing politics with our surpluses.

And remember: these are projected surpluses. It's not money we have now, but money we may have in ten years. Think about it: If a sweepstakes envelope came in the mail saying you may have won $10 million, would you go out and spend $10 million? Of course not. But that's what congressional Republicans want us to do -- sign away a budget surplus we don't yet have and may not get.

In good conscience I cannot sign one expensive tax break after another without any coherent strategy for safeguarding our financial future. At this rate there will be no resources left for extending the life of Social Security or Medicare; for adding a real Medicare prescription drug benefit; for investing in education; or for getting us out of debt, which will keep interest rates low and our economy growing.

Lower interest rates are, in a way, the biggest tax cut of all. Because of the deficit and debt reduction we have already achieved, the average American family is paying $2000 less a year in mortgage payments, $200 less a year in car payments, and $200 less a year in student loan payments. If we can keep interest rates just one percent lower over the next 10 years, homeowners will save an additional $250 billion. That's $850 per family every year in lower mortgage payments alone. And businesses will be able to invest more, creating more jobs and sustaining our nation's prosperity.

In fact, the more you do the math, the less sense the Republican tax plan makes. Consider this: the typical middleclass family will get $220 from the tax cuts that the Republicans have passed this year. But if interest rates went up because of the Republican plan even one-third of one percent, then that average family's mortgage payments would go up by $270, leaving that family worse off than if they had no tax cut at all.

It doesn't have to be that way. I've proposed tax cuts that give middle class Americans far more benefits than the tax bills Republicans have just passed, at less than half the cost. Two-thirds of the relief of our proposal will go to the middle 60 percent of Americans, including my carefully targeted marriage penalty relief. My tax cuts would also help send our children to college, care for sick family members, pay for child care, ease the burden on working families with three or more children, and pay for school construction. And because my tax plan will cost substantially less than the tax cuts proposed by Congress, we'll still have enough money to provide a Medicare prescription drug benefit, to strengthen Social Security, modernize Medicare, and stay on track to be debt-free in 2012.

We should have tax cuts this year, and they should be the right ones, targeted to working families to help our economy grow; not tax bills so big that they put our prosperity at risk. So I say to Congress, stop passing tax bills you know I will veto, and let's start

Paul D. Glastris
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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON TAX BILLS
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC
July 26, 2000

For more than seven years now, our nation has stuck to a course of fiscal discipline. We've made tough choices, eliminated record deficits, and invested in our people. The strategy is clearly paying off, with the longest economic expansion and the largest budget surplus in our history. Now, we have the chance to pass responsible tax cuts, pay down the debt, and keep our prosperity going.

But instead of following the sensible path that got us here, congressional Republicans want America to make a U-turn. Over the past two weeks, they have pushed through a series of expensive tax bills, one after another. They've been in a rush to get these bills passed before their convention. But they've been in no rush to get them to my desk, because they fear what will happen when the American people do the math and learn the truth.

Taken together, the Republican tax bills now stacking up would cost nearly $2 trillion over ten years. By our accounting, that would put America back into deficits, by $300 billion dollars over the next decade. Even by their own rosier forecast, the Republican tax bills consume every dime of the surplus that the American people have worked so hard to create, as shown in this chart.

[point to chart]

However you add it up, a $2 trillion tax plan is too big, too reckless, and too irresponsible. It leaves zero dollars for strengthening Social Security and Medicare, zero dollars for a prescription drug benefit, zero dollars for greater investment in education, and could make it impossible to pay down the debt.

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HISTORY OF DAVID M. BARKSDALE CENTER

Built with local money, the substantial structure on North Boulevard opened in February 1942 amid wartime urgency as the main branch of Tampa's United Service Organization (USO).

It served its purpose well as a place where thousands of Army Air Force personnel could relax in a homelike hideaway during their off-duty hours. After the war ended in 1945, ownership passed to the City of Tampa.

When it opened as the North Boulevard Recreation Center in 1946, Mary Ellen Nelson Reilly, then 24 years old, was named director. Numerous groups, including the Tampa Chamber of Commerce, favored using it as an activity center for teen-agers.

Although Tampa's recreation department had neighborhood teen clubs previously, the central location proved ideal for a City-Wide Teen Age Club, Reilly said.

And it soon thrived. By the spring of 1948 it was called the second-largest teen club in the country, with more than 2,000 members.

Plenty of dances, variety shows, fashion shows, fencing lessons, a photography club and a newspaper called "The Rec" were some of the activities.

Reilly had a flair for staging special events, so she whipped up a Junior Gasparilla – not to be confused with Children's Gasparilla, which followed in later years. Edward Blount and Anna Ruth Beck Burnside were named first king and queen, in 1947.

A movie agent suggested a tie-in promotion with the movie "Cynthia", which starred a teen-age Elizabeth Taylor. Reilly got permission from her bosses, and the club sponsored the film when it showed at the nearby Park Theater.

Taylor became an honorary member of the Tampa teen club, and a blue evening dress she wore in the film was lent to the club for a fashion show staged at the theater. "It was a huge success," Reilly said.

Early on, organizations of all ages made use of the North Boulevard center. The USO continued using the building for a weekly dance. And activities ranging from exercise classes to bingo were scheduled regularly.

Square dances drew crowds in the hundreds, with Reilly herself doing the calling for many of them.

After her departure in 1948, the North Boulevard center continued evolving. Today, it caters to adult programs.

The David M. Barksdale Special Programs Center has been operated by the City of Tampa Recreation Department since 1947. Tampa has a population of 286,000 and the Barksdale Special Programs Center is the only community center in all of Hillsborough County dedicated solely to the recreational and social needs of senior citizens and the disabled of our community.

The Barksdale Center is the host site to other agencies that provide services to seniors and special populations. For example, Hillsborough County Aging Services uses the site for their senior nutrition program which serves hot, nutritional meals to the elderly and disabled.

The main emphasis of the Special Programs Center is to provide social interaction for all participants in an attempt to reduce the isolation that so often accompanies old age and disability. It is our mission to prvide a happy, healthy environment for all participants so that they may enjoy a higher quality of life than they may otherwise experience. The people who walk through our doors can partake in a variety of activities, that will enrich their lives. Classes in exercise, art, dance, music, cooking and more are all offered at the center, again at nominal or no cost.

Funding for the Barksdale Special Programs Center comes from the budget allocated by the City of Tampa Council and the Mayor for the entire Recreation Department. An activity fee of $1.00 per month allows participation in all activities taught by recreation staff and volunteers. The activity fee is waived if the person is a participant of the Senior

Nutrition Program. It is the City of Tampa Recreation Department's philosophy to never refuse services to anyone because of monetary circumstance.

Classes at the center are taught by the Recreation staff, adult education teachers, volunteers and specialists. Adult education teachers are paid by the Hillsborough County School System and specialists are paid by the fes charged to the participants of their classes. Specialists are not allowed to charge more than $2.75 for an hour-long class. A materials fee can be assessed to offset the cost of materials provided for the class if necessary. The following is a list of all classes, support groups, etc. that we offer our participants.

FITNESS CLASSES: Physical Fitness, Tai-Chi, Flexibility, Happy Hour Exercise,

DANCE CLASSES: Square Dance, Golden Age Square Dance, Beginner & Intermediate Square Dance Lessons, Square Dance Clubs, Round Dance, Tap Dance, Line Dance Sr. Style, Country Western Line Dance

THE ARTS: Calligraphy, Drawing, Watercolor, Painting

GAMES: Shuffleboard, Bunco – Bunco, Bingo, Pinochle

MUSIC CLASS

Beginner & Advanced Music, Music Appreciation Class, Golden Voices

UTILITARIAN ARTS: Cooking

LANGUAGE: Conversational Spanish

SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

A hot noon meal, which meets ½ of the recommended daily allowance of nutrients for seniors ages 60 and over. Funded through Hillsborough County Aging Services, State of Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Florida Office of Aging. See brochure for more information. Served Monday - Friday.

The David M. Barksdale Center is a community center specifically designed for senior citizens and the disabled. The City of Tampa Recreation Department and the Aging Services Senior Citizens Nutrition and Activity Program work together to promote better health among the older segment of the population through improved nutrition and to provide recreation in an attempt to reduce the isolation so often accompanying old age, offering the residents of the city of Tampa the opportunity to live their remaining lives with dignity.

The program is open to all individuals age 60 and over, and their spouses; regardless of race, religion, creed, or national origin.

Activities such as the arts, field trips, crafts, special speakers, community education classes, films, exercise and group walking programs, special events, (i.e. Senior Games) are provided to foster the well being of program participants through social interaction and satisfying use of leisure time. David M. Barksdale Center serves approximately 4,310 participants on a monthly basis.

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Clinton's Address on the State of the Union, January 19, 1999

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Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of Congress, honored guests, my fellow Americans: Tonight, I have the honor of reporting to you on the State of the Union.

Let me begin by saluting the new Speaker of the House, and thanking him, especially tonight, for extending an invitation to two guests sitting in the gallery with Mrs. Hastert: Lyn Gibson and Wenling Chestnut are the widows of the two brave Capitol Hill police officers who gave their lives to defend freedom's house.

Mr. Speaker, at your swearing-in, you asked us all to work together in a spirit of civility and bipartisanship. Mr. Speaker, let's do exactly that.

Tonight, I stand before you to report that America has created the longest peacetime economic expansion in our history with nearly 18 million new jobs, wages rising at more than twice the rate of inflation, the highest homeownership in history, the smallest welfare rolls in 30 years, and the lowest peacetime unemployment since 1957.

For the first time in three decades, the budget is balanced. From a deficit of $290 billion in 1992, we had a surplus of $70 billion last year. And now we are on course for budget surpluses for the next 25 years.

Thanks to the pioneering leadership of all of you, we have the lowest violent crime rate in a quarter century and the cleanest environment in a quarter century. America is a strong force for peace from Northern Ireland to Bosnia to the Middle East.

Thanks to the leadership of Vice President Gore, we have a Government for the information age. Once again, a Government that is a progressive instrument of the common good, rooted in our oldest values of opportunity, responsibility, and community; devoted to fiscal responsibility; determined to give our people the tools they need to make the most of their own lives in the 21st century; a 21st century Government for 21st century America.

My fellow Americans, I stand before you tonight to report that the state of our Union is strong.

Now, America is working again. The promise of our future is limitless. But we cannot realize that promise if we allow the hum of our prosperity to lull us into complacency. How we fare as a nation far into the 21st century depends upon what we do as a nation today. So with our budget surplus growing, our economy expanding, our confidence rising, now is the moment for this generation to meet our historic responsibility to the 21st century.

Our fiscal discipline gives us an unsurpassed opportunity to address a remarkable new challenge, the aging of America. With the number of elderly Americans set to double by 2030, the baby boom will become a senior boom. So first, and above all, we must save Social Security for the 21st century.

Early in this century, being old meant being poor. When President Roosevelt created Social Security, thousands wrote to thank him for eliminating what one woman called "the stark terror of penniless, helpless old age." Even today, without Social Security, half our Nation's elderly would be forced into poverty.

Today, Social Security is strong. But by 2013, payroll taxes will no longer be sufficient to cover monthly payments. By 2032, **the** Trust Fund will be exhausted and Social Security will be unable to pay **the** full benefits older Americans have been promised.

The best way to keep Social Security a rock-solid guarantee is not to make drastic cuts in benefits, not to raise payroll tax rates, not to drain resources from Social Security in **the** name **of** saving it. Instead, I propose that we make **the** historic decision to invest **the** surplus to save Social Security.

Specifically, I propose that we commit 60 percent **of the** budget surplus for **the** next 15 years to Social Security, investing a small portion in **the** private sector, just as any private or **State** Government pension would do. This will earn a higher return and keep Social Security sound for 55 years.

But we must aim higher. We should put Social Security on a sound footing for **the** next 75 years. We should reduce poverty among elderly women, who are nearly twice as likely to be poor as our other seniors. And we should eliminate **the** limits on what seniors on Social Security can earn.

Now, these changes will require difficult but fully achievable choices over and above **the** dedication **of the** surplus. They must be made on a bipartisan basis. They should be made this year. So let me say to you tonight, I reach out my hand to all **of** you in both Houses, in both parties, and ask that we join together in saying to **the** American people: We will save Social Security now.

Now, last year we wisely reserved all **of the** surplus until we knew what it would take to save Social Security. Again, I say, we shouldn'tspend any **of** it, not any **of** it, until after Social Security is truly saved. First things first.

Second, once we have saved Social Security, we must fulfill our obligation to save and improve Medicare. Already, we have extended **the** life **of the** Medicare Trust Fund by 10 years, but we should extend it for at least another decade. Tonight, I propose that we use one out **of** every $6 in **the** surplus for **the** next 15 years to guarantee **the** soundness **of** Medicare until **the** year 2020.

But again, we should aim higher. We must be willing to work in a bipartisan way and look at new ideas, including **the** upcoming report **of the** bipartisan Medicare Commission. If we work together, we can secure Medicare for **the** next two decades and cover **the** greatest growing need **of** seniors, affordable prescription drugs.

Third, we must help all Americans, from their first day on **the** job to save, to invest, to create wealth. From its beginning, Americans have supplemented Social Security with private pensions and savings. Yet, today, millions **of** people retire with little to live on other than Social Security. Americans living longer than ever simply must save more than ever.

Therefore, in addition to saving Social Security and Medicare, I propose a new pension initiative for retirement security in **the** 21st century. I propose that we use a little over 11 percent **of the** surplus to establish universal savings accounts—USA accounts—to give all Americans **the** means to save. With these new accounts Americans can invest as they choose and receive funds to match a portion **of** their savings, with extra help for those least able to save. USA accounts will help all Americans to share in our Nation's wealth and to enjoy a more secure retirement. I ask you to support them.

Fourth, we must invest in long-term care. I propose a tax credit **of** $1,000 for **the** aged, ailing or disabled, and **the** families who care for them. Long-term care will become a bigger and bigger challenge with **the** aging **of** America, and we must do more to help our families deal with it.

I was born in 1946, **the** first year **of the** baby boom. I can tell you that one **of the** greatest concerns **of** our generation is our absolute determination not to let our growing old place an intolerable burden on our children and their ability to raise our grandchildren. Our economic success and our fiscal discipline now give us an opportunity to lift that burden from their shoulders, and we should take it.

Saving Social Security, Medicare, creating USA accounts: This is **the** right way to use **the** surplus. If we do so—if we do so—we will still have resources to meet critical needs in education and defense. And I want to point out that this proposal is fiscally sound. Listen to this: If we set aside 60 percent **of the** surplus for Social Security and 16 percent for Medicare, over **the** next 15 years, that saving will achieve **the** lowest level **of** publicly held debt since right before World War I, in 1917.

So with these four measures—saving Social Security, strengthening Medicare, establishing **the** USA accounts, supporting long-term care—we can begin to meet our generation's historic responsibility to establish true security for 21st century seniors.

Now, there are more children from more diverse backgrounds in our public schools than at any time in our history. Their education must provide **the** knowledge and nurture **the** creativity that will allow our entire Nation to thrive in **the** new economy.

Today we can say something we couldn't say 6 years ago: With tax credits and more affordable student loans, with more work-study grants and more Pell grants, with education IRA's and **the** new HOPE scholarship tax cut that more than 5 million Americans will receive this year, we have finally opened **the** doors **of** college to all Americans.

With our support, nearly every **State** has set higher academic standards for public schools, and a voluntary national test is being developed to measure **the** progress **of** our students. With over $1 billion in discounts available this year, we are well on our way to our goal **of** connecting every classroom and library to **the** Internet.

Last fall, you passed our proposal to start hiring 100,000 new teachers to reduce class size in **the** early grades. Now I ask you to finish **the** job.

You know, our children are doing better. SAT scores are up; math scores have risen in nearly all grades. But there's a problem. While our fourth graders outperform their peers in other countries in math and science, our eighth graders are around average, and our twelfth graders rank near **the** bottom. We must do better. Now, each year **the** National Government invests more than $15 billion in our public schools. I believe we must change **the** way we invest that money, to support what works and to stop supporting what does not work.

First, later this year, I will send to Congress a plan that, for **the** first time, holds States and school districts accountable for progress and rewards them for results. My "Education Accountability Act" will require every school district receiving Federal help to take **the** following five steps.

First, all schools must end social promotion. No child should graduate from high school with a diploma he or she can't read. We do our children no favors when we allow them to pass from grade to grade without mastering **the** material. But we can't just hold students back because **the** system fails them. So my balanced budget triples **the** funding for summer school and after-school programs, to keep a million children learning.

Now, if you doubt this will work, just look at Chicago, which ended social promotion and made summer school mandatory for those who don't master **the** basics. Math and reading scores are up 3 years running with some **of the** biggest gains in some **of the** poorest neighborhoods. It will work, and we should do it.

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
RADIO ADDRESS
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July 21, 2000

Good morning. Today I want to talk about securing our economic future – about keeping our prosperity going and extending its benefits to all Americans.

For more than seven years, our nation has stuck to a course of fiscal discipline. We've made tough choices, paid down the national debt, and invested in people. Now that strategy is paying off. We are enjoying the longest economic expansion and the largest budget surplus in our nation's history. And we have the chance to pass responsible tax cuts as we continue to pursue solid economic policy. But instead of following the sensible path that got us here, Congressional Republicans are treating this surplus as if they'd won it in the lottery.

Although it took seven and a half years to put deficits behind us, Congress has already drained more than $900 billion of the surplus on tax breaks – most of it in just the past few weeks. And they've promised to do yet more, working from numbers that are nothing more than estimates for the future. They seem to have forgotten that projections in a report are not dollars in the bank.

Think about it: if someone asked you to sign a contract, committing you to spend every penny of your projected earnings for the next 10 years, would you do it? Would you spend all your money now and save nothing for retirement or educating your children? That's exactly what Congressional Republicans want us to do -- sign away a budget surplus that we don't yet have and may never get. I cannot in good conscience sign one expensive tax break after another without any coherent strategy for safeguarding America's financial future. At this rate, there will be no resources left for a real prescription drug benefit, for paying down the debt or extending the life of Social Security or Medicare.

What is more, the Republican cuts provide relatively few benefits for the vast majority of America's working families. They will provide more relief to the top one percent of taxpayers than to the millions of working people who make up a full 80 percent of taxpayers. These tax breaks spend hundreds of billions of dollars and give one percent of Americans $17,000 a piece while most Americans get less than $200 each.

We should have tax cuts this year – but they should be the right ones. We need tax cuts targeted to working families that will help our economy grow – not tax breaks that will help only a few while putting our prosperity at risk.

That is why I have proposed a program of cuts that will give a middle-class American family more than twice the benefits of the Republican plan. Two-thirds of that relief will go to the middle 60 percent of Americans – including my carefully-targeted marriage penalty relief.

My tax cuts will also help send our children to college, care for sick family members, pay for child care, and ease the burden on working families. And because my plan ~~will cost sub~~stantially less than the cuts proposed by Congress, we will still have enough money to provide a Medicare prescription drug benefit, strengthen Social Security, modernize Medicare and stay on track to pay down the debt in 2012.

We have the resources – what we need is a vision that extends beyond the November elections, and a commitment to benefit all Americans, not just a few. That is why I have asked Congress to work with me on a balanced framework for tax cuts, investments and debt reduction.

Throughout our history, America has been at its finest when we looked to the future, and when we chose the right way instead of the easy way. The challenge of responding to prosperity is as great a test of our values and judgement as any we have faced as a nation. Today the right way is for Democrats and Republicans to put election politics aside and work together to craft a 21st century budget – a framework for targeted tax cuts and responsible economic policies. This surplus comes from the hard work and ingenuity of the American people. I urge Congress to answer them with some hard work and vision of its own.

Thanks for listening.

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON VETOING TAX BILL
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC
July 26, 2000

Over 210 years ago, the Founders vested in the President the power to veto legislation, because, they wrote, "impressions of the moment may sometimes hurry [Congress] into measures which itself, on maturer reflexion, would condemn." A few moments ago, I exercised that power by vetoing the tax bill Congress sent me yesterday, because "impressions of the moment" must not be allowed to undermine the long-term prosperity of our nation.

For seven years now, America has followed a steady course of fiscal discipline and investment in our people. That course has brought us from record budget deficits to record surpluses, and produced the longest economic expansion in history, with over 22 million new jobs, the lowest unemployment rate in 30 years, and the lowest minority unemployment rate in our history.

But instead of continuing on that course of progress, the Republican majority has been led astray by the "impressions of the moment." It has passed a series of expensive tax bills, one after another. Each on its own seems appealing. But taken together, they would drain every dime of the projected surplus, and risk sending America back to an age of deficits and economic stagnation. Even by Congress' own optimistic estimates, these tax bills would leave nothing for lengthening the life of Social Security or Medicare; nothing for voluntary and affordable Medicare prescription drug benefits; nothing for education and school construction. It would make it impossible for us to get America out of debt by 2012. And that will mean higher interest rates and less economic growth, which in effect would be like raising taxes on the American people.

Consider this: a typical middleclass family will get $220 from the tax cuts that the

Republicans have passed this year. But if interest rates went up because of the Republican plan by even one-third of one percent, then that family's mortgage payments would go up by $270, leaving that family worse off than if they had no tax cut at all.

There is a better way. We can maintain our fiscal discipline, cut taxes for the vast majority of Americans this year, and still have the resources we need to pay down the debt, lengthen the life of Social Security and Medicare; add a Medicare prescription drug benefit, and make other investments for the future.

I have proposed a program of targeted tax cuts that will give a middle-class American family substantially more benefits than the Republican plan at less than half the cost. Two-thirds of the relief will go to the middle 60 percent of our people, including our carefully-targeted marriage penalty relief. Our tax cuts will also help send our children to college, with a tax deduction for up to $10,000 in college tuition a year; help to care for sick family members with a $3,000 long-term care tax credit; help to pay for child care and to ease the burden on working families with three or more children; and to pay for desperately needed school construction.

And because our plan will cost substantially less than the tax cuts passed by the Congress, we'll still have the resources we need to provide a Medicare prescription drug benefit; to extend the life of Social Security and Medicare; to pay for the baby boomers' retirement; and to pay down the debt by 2012--so that we can keep interest rates low, keep our economy growing, and provide lower home mortgages, car payments and college loan payments for the American people.

On my watch, we will not squander the surplus. We will not endanger our prosperity. We will have the right kind of tax cuts. On my watch, we will put people first.

And so, having vetoed the first of these tax bills, I say to Congress: let's work together, and pass real tax cuts this year. But they must be the right cuts, targeted to working families, to help our economy grow, not tax bills so big they put our prosperity at risk.

It is in times of good fortune like these that we are most apt to lose our resolve, and make errors of judgement that we will regret later. Fortunately, the Founders understood that tendency, and provided the tool that I am using today. If we continue to be guided by their wisdom, I believe we can not only safeguard our prosperity, but extend it to all Americans for years to come.

Thank you.

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS FOR UNITY EVENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
July 27, 2000

Good afternoon. I am pleased that Senator Daschle, Leader Gephardt, and other members of Congress have come here today to speak with one voice about the right way to keep our nation's prosperity and progress growing. As we speak, Congress is packing up and preparing to leave town for its summer recess. But the Republican leadership is leaving behind a trunk full of unfinished business vital to the health of our economy and the well being of our people.

We have spent the last seven years charting a course of fiscal discipline – making tough choices, paying down the national debt and investing in our people. That strategy has paid off in a big way: more than 22 million new jobs, the longest economic expansion and the largest budget surplus in our nation's history. Instead of continuing on that path, the Republican majority has spent most of this year, and especially the last few weeks, squandering our progress. They have passed reckless tax cut after reckless tax cut that would drain away our hard-earned surplus and put us back in the red.

When you add them all up, the Republican tax bills passed by the 106th Congress would cost nearly $2 trillion over 10 years. Even by the most optimistic estimates, this would not leave one dime for strengthening Social Security and Medicare ... for a voluntary and affordable Medicare prescription drug benefit … for education ~~and school construction. And it~~ would make it impossible for us to get America out of debt by 2012.

There is a better way. We can do all these things and still give working Americans targeted tax relief. I have proposed a program of cuts that will give a middle class American family substantially more benefits than the Republican plan at less than half the cost. Two-thirds of that relief will go to the middle 60 percent of Americans – including my carefully targeted marriage penalty relief. My cuts will also help them send their children to college, to care for sick family members, and to pay for child care, and school construction.

Today, we have more evidence that our plan will help more of the people who really need it. We are releasing a state-by-state analysis that shows that the estate tax repeal recently passed by the Republican majority would benefit only about two percent of American families -- the wealthiest two percent in the nation – providing them with an average tax cut of $800,000. And fully half of those benefits would go to just one-tenth of one percent of all Americans.

In contrast, our Medicare prescription drug benefit would provide affordable coverage for 39 million seniors and people with disabilities with average incomes of about $20,000. This report shows clearly that our approach puts the interests of American families first and ensures that the nation's unprecedented prosperity benefits everyone.

Instead of spending their time spending every last dime, the Republican majority should get to work on the people's business.

So, when they go off on their vacations, the Congressional majority should take along this list of required summer reading that the American people have given us. It's a list of what we need to get done when they get back to Washington.

We need to strengthen and modernize Social Security and Medicare and add a Medicare prescription drug benefit that is available and affordable for all seniors and people with disabilities.

We need to stand up to the special interests and pass a strong and enforceable Patient's Bill of Rights. We also need to pass common sense gun legislation that would close the gun show loophole, require child safety locks for all handguns and ban the importation of large capacity ammunition clips.

We need to raise the minimum wage by a dollar over two years.

We need to demand more from our schools and invest more in them, including reducing class size, improving teacher quality and modernizing 6,000 of our schools that are literally falling apart.

And we need to stop the delay and pass strong hate crimes legislation.

This is not just a list to be read, it's a list to be acted on. I hope when the Congressional majority comes back, they bring with them a renewed commitment to make this a year of real progress for the American people.

And now I would like to introduce Debbie <u>Boudloulvas</u> [BOO-dew-vas], who lives not far from here in Arlington, Virginia, and attends George Washington University.

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
TALKING POINTS ON CHINA TRADE
"CHINA: FLORIDA'S NEW MARKET OF OPPORTUNITY" CONFERENCE
TAMPA, FLORIDA
July 31, 2000

Acknowledgments: Rep. Jim Davis; members of the Commerce Dept. & the Fla. District Export Council; all the other business leaders here today.

In May, the House voted to extend PNTR to China – and took a historic step toward continued prosperity in America, reform in China, and peace in the world. Our administration made a powerful case on the merits and made every effort to keep politics out of the equation. I'm grateful for the early and strong support of Rep. Davis. We can all be proud of the impressive margin of victory.

The business community played a big role in that success. You helped build a strong and persuasive case for PNTR. You helped convince the House that expanding trade with China is in keeping with our values; it's good for American companies and workers; and it's vital for our economy and our national security.

Businesses large and small back this effort because you know the stakes. You know that China is the biggest potential market in the world, with more than a billion potential consumers. The agreement we negotiated gives American business unprecedented new access to China's markets, from citrus to cars to computers, and grants China no new access to our economy. This deal is overwhelmingly in our favor.

I am here today because Florida, like all of America, has a big stake in our success. Florida is our eighth largest exporting state; and China is a large and growing market for the people of this region. From 1993 to 1998, Florida's exports to China shot up 146 percent. By a large margin, the greatest share of those exports came from the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater area. If Congress does the right thing, you stand to make great gains.

But for America to win the benefits, the Senate has to vote as the House has done – and it has to vote soon. This week, the Senate took steps to make this happen in September, when they return from their summer recess. I am grateful to Senator Lott for moving us this much closer to final passage. It is important that we continue to move forward. More than 60 senators publicly support PNTR. I believe we have enough support today to win on the floor.

There's no reason why this vote shouldn't be scheduled right away, without further delay. It's too important to be weighed down by amendments or kicked around like a political football in this election year. America will lose the benefits we negotiated to our competitors in Europe, Japan, and other countries. Your companies will reap none of the rewards of lower tariffs, greater market access, or the stronger safeguards we won against unfair competition.

So I hope you will continue to make the case on the merits for PNTR – and urge the Senate leadership to schedule this vote soon. It is the opportunity of a lifetime for your companies and for our nation. It is vital to our national security; important for our economic security; and will give our children a chance to prosper in a safer and saner world. Thank you.

for the drugs they do get. On average, Medicare beneficiaries with disabilities spend 50 percent more out-of-pocket for 50 percent fewer prescriptions. The report also documents how hard it is for them to get drug coverage through private insurers. Don't they deserve the drugs they need to live normal lives – to work and to spend time with their families?

Last week, at the White House, I joined a group of citizens in celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. And I want to tell you what was said to me time and again: Americans with disabilities don't want pity – they want opportunity. They don't want sympathy – they want self-determination. They don't want excuses – they want jobs and careers. The very least we can do is make sure they get the prescription drugs they need -- to live lives that are as healthy, active, and productive as they can possibly be.

That's why I have proposed a comprehensive plan to provide a **Medicare** prescription drug benefit that is optional and accessible to all seniors and Americans with disabilities. A plan that ensures that all older Americans and those with disabilities – no matter where they live or how sick they are – will pay the same affordable premiums. A plan that uses price competition, not price controls, to give seniors and people with disabilities the best prescription prices. A plan that would help cover catastrophic drug costs. **A plan that provide beneficiaries the prescriptions they need at the pharmacies that they trust.** A plan that is part of an overall effort to strengthen and modernize Medicare – so we won't have to ask our children to shoulder our burden when we retire.

Now, the Republicans in Congress have passed a private insurance plan that many seniors and people with disabilities simply won't be able to afford. It won't offer affordable and accessible coverage to all seniors. And it relies on a trickle-down scheme that provides a subsidy for insurers, but not a single dollar for middle-class seniors **and people with disabilities**.

That doesn't sound like much of a plan to me. And you might be surprised to hear who agrees with me – the insurance companies themselves. Even the insurance companies concede that a Medicgap-insurance model won't work for prescription drug coverage. Here's ~~who~~ **what** one insurance company has to say: "Private, stand-along prescription drug coverage will not work … Such coverage would constitute an empty promise to Medicare beneficiaries." And, making this a self-fulfilling prophecy, the insurance companies are refusing even to participate in such a program. The state of Nevada, which tried to implement a private insurance model similar to the Republican plan, couldn't find one single qualified insurer willing to participate. It's clear that the Republican plan is designed for the pharmaceutical companies who make the drugs, not the seniors who need to take them.

This week, you may hear the Republicans in Philadelphia touting the their tax bills. These are expensive tax bills that would drain every dime from our projected surplus, and risk sending America back to an age of deficits and economic stagnation. Even by Congress' own optimistic estimates, these tax bills leave nothing for lengthening the life of Social Security or Medicare; nothing for education and school construction; and nothing for a voluntary and affordable **Medicare** prescription drug benefit. And it would make it impossible for us to get America out of debt by 2012.

I've proposed a budget that meets these priorities. It's a budget retains our fiscal discipline by paying down the debt by 2012 to keep interest rates low and our economy growing. It extends the life of Social Security and Medicare. It also provides affordable targeted tax cuts to middle class American families for long-term care, college tuition, retirement savings, and marriage tax penalty relief.

We have a remarkable opportunity to do the right thing, right now – at this time of unprecedented prosperity, with record surpluses, more than 22 million new jobs, and the lowest unemployment rate in 30 years. Just think how far we've come to earn this opportunity. When I came here to Tampa as a candidate in 1992, the unemployment rate in this city was 7.1 percent. Today it's 2.7 percent. There's simply no better time to strengthen Medicare for the 21st Century, by adding a voluntary and affordable prescription drug benefit.

President Franklin Roosevelt once said, "Our progress must continue to be a steady and deliberate one; we cannot stand still, we cannot slip back." Like the buccaneers of old, let's not let the Republican majority sacrifice our prosperity, squander our surplus, and turn back the clock on our progress. Instead, let's put election-year politics aside, and work together on a 21st century budget – one that protects our priorities, and puts the health and security of the American people first.

Thank you and God bless you.

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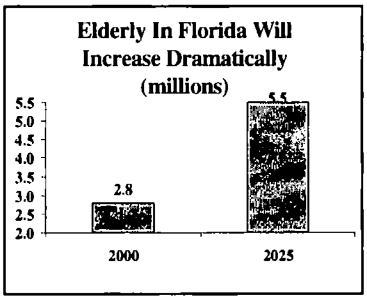
FLORIDA: THE NEED FOR MEDICARE REFORM

MEDICARE PROVIDES CRITICAL HEALTH CARE TO 2,761,000 IN FLORIDA

- **2,477,000 seniors and 284,000 people with disabilities in Florida rely on Medicare.**
  - About 1,538,000 Medicare beneficiaries in Florida (56 percent) are women.
  - About 295,000 Medicare beneficiaries in Florida (11 percent) are age 85 and older.
  - About 219,000 Medicare beneficiaries in Florida (8 percent) live in rural areas, with limited or no options for managed care or prescription drug coverage.

- **Poverty among the elderly in Florida fell from 30 to 9 percent since Medicare was created.**

MEDICARE ENROLLMENT WILL SURGE IN FLORIDA



- **The number of seniors in Florida will rise from 2,755,000 in 2000 to 5,453,000 in 2025.** The percent of residents in Florida who are elderly will increase from 18 to 26 percent.

- **About 426,000 people (33%) ages 55 to 65 in Florida, who are not yet eligible for Medicare, are uninsured or individually insured.** People age 55 to 65 are the fastest growing group of uninsured. The same demographic trend will affect this age group, making this problem even worse in the near future.

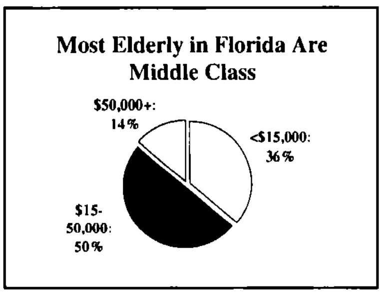
FLORIDA SENIORS NEED PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

- **Only 20 percent of Florida firms offer retiree health insurance.** Retiree health insurance provides good prescription drug coverage, but only one-quarter of Medicare beneficiaries nationwide have this coverage. This will be lower in the future since 25 percent fewer firms offered retiree health in 1998 than 1994.

- **The monthly premium for Medigap insurance including prescription drugs averages $167 in Florida, which is out of reach for many seniors.** Medigap (supplemental health insurance for beneficiaries) has plans that include prescription drugs, but these plans are typically costly. Florida prohibits attained-age rating. Only about 1 in 10 Medicare beneficiaries nationwide purchases Medigap with drug coverage, and the extra cost is about $90 per month.

- **Access to prescription drug coverage through Medicare managed care is limited.** About 2,380,337 or 82 percent of Medicare beneficiaries in Florida have the option of enrolling in a basic managed care plan that offers prescription drugs. However, nationwide, an increasing number of plans are capping their drug coverage at $1,000 or even $500.

- **About 1,294,000 of all elderly in Florida are middle class ($15-50,000) and would not be eligible for a low-income prescription drug benefit.**



FLORIDA HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS RELY ON MEDICARE

- **Health care providers in Florida depend on $18 billion in Medicare spending.** Medicare pays for 28 percent of all personal health care expenditures in Florida. This is critical to 203 hospitals, 41,500 physicians, 719 nursing homes, and other providers in Florida.

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON

ARRIVAL STATEMENT ON GDP

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

July 28, 2000

I have some good news to report. Today we learned that our economy grew by a vigorous 5.2% during the second quarter of this year. This is a credit to the hard work of the American people and further confirmation that we are on the right economic path. We are experiencing stronger and steadier growth than at any time since the 1960s, with more than 22 million new jobs and the lowest unemployment rate in 30 years. Growth over the last seven and a half years has now averaged four percent – the best since the Kennedy-Johnson years. Unemployment here in Rhode Island has been cut in half since 1993 to 4.0 percent. The strong growth in the last quarter has been driven by extraordinary levels of private sector investment and the productivity of our people. This has been the trend now for seven years, thanks to the strategy of fiscal discipline and investment in our people that we began in 1993.

This good economic news is more proof that we should stay on the path of fiscal discipline and not endanger our prosperity by passing one expensive tax cut after another that in total would spend every dime of our hard-earned surplus. Already the Republicans have passed tax cuts this year that would drain a trillion from that surplus. Now they are going to Philadelphia in support of tax cuts that would drain more than another trillion dollars from the surplus.

Simple math tells you that one plus one equals two -- two trillion dollars in reckless tax cuts. That's too big, too risky, and too irresponsible for our economy and our people.

So, when you are listening to what they are saying in Philadelphia, ask yourself, and more importantly, ask them: Can we really afford $2 trillion dollars in risky tax cuts? Can we really afford not to leave a penny for Medicare or Social Security? Can we really afford not to save a penny for a Medicare prescription drug benefit? Can we really afford to do nothing for education and school construction? Should we give up trying to get

America out of debt by 2012?

Can we really afford to go back to debt, back to deficits, back to double-digit mortgage rates?

There is a better way. I have proposed a program of affordable tax cuts, including our carefully targeted marriage penalty relief, that will give middle class families substantially more benefits than the Republican plan at less than half the cost. Under my tax plan, we will have the resources we need to provide a Medicare prescription drug benefit; to extend the life of Social Security and Medicare; to pay for the baby boomers' retirement; and to pay down the debt by 2012--so that we can keep interest rates low, keep our economy growing, and provide lower home mortgages, car payments and college loan payments for the American people.

The strong economic news today is just the latest indication that fiscal discipline has put America on the right track. On my watch, we will stay on that track. We will not squander the surplus. Instead, we should have the right kind of tax cuts that put our people first and keep our prosperity going.

Thank you.