



# Campaign Briefing

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
MRS BUSH**

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## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

President Bush meets with state legislators.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**WORLD LEADER IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION** *We're going down to Rio with a solid environmental agenda,"* said Michael Deland, Chairman of the President's Council on Environmental Quality, during an interview this weekend on CNN Newsmaker Sunday. *"I'm tired of [Senator Albert Gore (D-TN)]...trashing...the environmental record of the American people, a record that's second to none in the world,"* Deland added. *"We ought to be standing tall. We ought to be proud. We are the world leaders when it comes to protection the environment."*

Elaborating on the President's strong environmental message Deland added, *"The President is going to Rio as the environmental president...[with a] tough, solid record...here at home...and around the world....[George Bush] has the toughest enforcement record of any president ever. Polluters are behind bars."* (CNN Newsmaker Sunday, 6/7)

## Balanced Budget by 1997

### ONLY PRESIDENT HAS PLAN TO ELIMINATE DEFICIT

Only President Bush has submitted a proposal to balance the federal budget by 1997, said Fred Malek, President Bush's campaign manager. Bill Clinton and Ross Perot should come forward with their own balanced budget plans, challenged Malek.

*"How does Bill Clinton plan to balance the budget?"* Malek asked on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley" program. *"The only thing we've heard from him...is through a massive tax increase — and from Ross Perot we haven't heard a thing."*

Here are other excerpts from Malek's interview:

*"George Bush has a plan...that encompasses a balanced budget amendment, educational reform, welfare reform, a program to increase exports. He wants to...ensure that the discipline exists in the Congress and in the government...that we balance our checkbook just like every household around the country has to balance theirs..."*

*"We've tried every other means to get the budget into balance... The President has submitted a budget...[that has] been reviewed by about a hundred committees of Congress. It's had several hundred administration witnesses troupe up to Capitol Hill in full public view and testify on it, and it does lead to a balanced budget by 1997..."* (6/8)

## Issue Brief: Balanced Budget Amendment

### A BIPARTISAN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

*With Democrats like Rep. Charles Stenholm (TX) actively supporting a Balanced Budget Amendment, Thursday's House vote offers the first real chance for passage. President Bush is lobbying hard on both sides of the aisle - in the House and the Senate.*

*The House must take the first step on Thursday and vote "yes" on a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution. The costs are piling up. It's time for the federal government to do what every American family must do — live within its means.*

- Our \$4-trillion national debt, representing years of congressional overspending, averages \$65,000 for every American family of four.

President Bush knows government must stop spending our nation into bankruptcy, but the "who, me?" Congress keeps looking the other way. There's a crying need for a Balanced Budget Amendment — no ifs, ands, or buts.

- George Bush has supported a Balanced Budget Amendment for 14 years. Fiscal integrity always has been one of his fundamental political beliefs.
  - President Bush's first specific legislative proposal for building a better America sent to Congress less than three weeks after he entered the White House sought a Balanced Budget Amendment.
- It's all there in black and white: ever since George Bush became President, he has tried to balance the federal budget — despite congressional roadblocks.*
- All three budgets President Bush has submitted to Congress would have reached balance within five years of their introduction. Democrat leaders have declared each of these proposals dead on arrival.

*We demand a Balanced Budget Amendment — now. It's time for Capitol Hill to put America's interests first. If the liberal House leadership will allow a fair vote, BBA will pass.*

- West Virginia Sen. Bob Byrd, the Senate Appropriations Committee chairman, is twisting arms to block BBA, claiming it gives a President too much power. To the contrary, a BBA puts the President and Congress on an even budget footing.



## BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Excerpts from the President's radio address on Saturday, June 6, 1992:

*"...the time has come to take some common sense action. We must pass a constitutional amendment mandating a balanced budget".*

*"To ensure long-term economic growth, we must get federal spending under control. When you hear about a deficit measured in hundreds of billions of dollars, remember that's not monopoly money."*

*"To make our economic future strong, the balanced budget is where we must start. Beginning well before I became your President, I have fought for a balanced budget amendment...the very first legislative proposal that I made as President was for Congress to adopt a balanced budget amendment."*

*"It's time to stop treating our federal treasury like the corner cash machine. We have a moral imperative to act on behalf of future generations. They are not yet here to represent themselves. It's time to protect our children and our children's children. And we're determined to enact this solemn bond between generations."*

## NEWS IN BRIEF continued

**PEROT: WARRANTLESS SEARCHES** Two years ago, a gentleman who was renting a house from Ross Perot, fell nine days behind on his monthly rent payment. What did Perot do? His lawyers persuaded a Dallas judge to permit warrantless searches of the house, according to The Dallas Morning News. The judge permitted Perot to hire an off-duty Dallas policeman or other security guard to conduct "a full and reasonable inspection of the house daily at 9 A.M., 3 P.M., and 7 P.M." (New York Times, 6/7)

## BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT: Field Action Kit

In need of talking points, sample op-eds, sample letters to the editor, and news clips regarding the Balanced Budget Amendment?

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## ECONOMY WATCH

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE SENDS "WRONG MESSAGE"** Economists and financial experts around the country agree that the increase in the unemployment rate is consistent with an economic recovery. "This is a classic case of the unemployment rate giving precisely the wrong message," said Robert Barbera of Lehman Brothers. "It jumped because things are better, because people think there's a shot at finding a job." "We did create more jobs, but even more people decided they wanted one and started looking" said William Dunkelberg, chief economist of the National Federation of Independent Businesses, "This is consistent with the nature of the recovery." "The economy is expanding, but we're not yet into the heavy-hire phase of the cycle," explained Kathryn Eickhoff of Eickhoff Economics. "The outlook is very positive," Eickhoff concluded. (Market Consensus, 6/8)

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

**REMIND VOTERS OF PRESIDENT'S MANY ACHIEVEMENTS** "Lost in the hype over Ross Perot are the substantive achievements George Bush has piled up as President," says Governor William Weld. (R-MA)

From Weld's list:

- President Bush proposed and signed into law the tax credits that enable parents to choose child care.
- He got through Congress a new Clean Air Act, which environmentalists had been pushing for 13 years.
- He gathered the nation's governors and conceived America 2000, a plan to improve our schools.
- He backed and signed the Americans with Disabilities Act, proving hope and economic opportunity for millions.
- His \$150 billion Transportation Act will create 600,000 jobs this year.
- He got Congress to agree to a cap on spending.
- President Bush's foreign policy record is unmatched by any recent world leader. He reduced the danger of nuclear war with the START accord. He won the gulf war. Through personal diplomacy, he shaped the revolutions of 1989 and 1991, thereby winning the cold war (New York Times, 6/7)

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