

Budget deficit may soar

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans rode the tea party wave to power eight years ago on a message of fiscal responsibility and attacking budget deficits, and kept at it during President Barack Obama's two terms.

That was then.

The Republican-led Congress on Thursday was rounding up support for a bipartisan budget bill that would put the government on track for annual deficits topping \$1 trillion, a gap last seen toward the end of Obama's first term.

The projection for massive budget deficits has split Republicans. Dedicated fiscal conservatives criticized the plan

while others accepted it as a necessary compromise to shore up military spending and keep the government running after a short-lived shutdown last month.

"I think the spending in this is reckless and irresponsible," said Rep. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., a conservative who is backed by the tea party.

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., said the budget agreement was "doubling down on the irresponsible mentality in Congress of spend now, pay later. To say I am discouraged by the outcome of these negotiations would be an understatement."

Corker voted for the recent Republican tax cut

after raising similar concerns in the weeks leading up to the vote.

Republicans are pinning their long-term hopes on their \$1.5 trillion tax cut, which they say eventually will stimulate enough economic growth to help reduce the deficit. GOP leaders were using that argument and a desire to boost military spending to sell the budget plan. Congress needs to approve a spending bill by midnight Thursday to avoid a partial government shutdown.

Many in the GOP ranks were willing to sign on despite the soaring deficit.

"It all comes down to one thing — economic growth. That's where you take care of the debt and deficit," said Rep. Dennis Ross, R-Fla.

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Keeping our parks clean

BY LISA HOBBS
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

The wooden stations offering bags for dog waste disposal are being replaced with receptacles.

"We are replacing all existing ones," said McMinnville Parks and Recreation director Scott McCord. "Many of our existing ones were made from wood and were deteriorating. We are working to update our parks in any way we can."

Parks are a great way for owners and dogs to have fun together and exercise, McCord said. Offering a way to clean up after their pets is an effort to encourage them to keep the grounds clean and enjoyable for everyone.

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McMinnville Parks and Recreation hopes dog owners take advantage of new dog waste receptacles.

dogs. Used bags could then be thrown into the closest trashcan.

The new receptacles offer bags for disposal of waste.

However, the station also offers a mesh waste can for pet owners to utilize for disposal.

GRAND JURY

Indictments have been issued during the February session of the Warren County grand jury. Included in action:

Bailey Brest was indicted for possession of meth for resale, introduction of contraband into a penal facility, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jeremy Douglas Brock was indicted for aggravated sexual battery.

Charlie Conley was indicted for driving on a suspend-

ed license.

Roy Anthony Haley was indicted for unlawful drug paraphernalia and aggravated arson.

Trammell N. Harris was indicted for driving on a revoked license third offense and delivery of a schedule II substance.

Albert Hoelscher was indicted for sexual exploitation of a minor.

Christopher Michael Oliver was indicted for aggravated burglary.

Jordan Rattanvong and Hannah Marie Spencer were indicted for possession of schedule I, II, III, IV, VI drugs, and possession of a legend drug without a prescription.

Lynette de Santiago and Victor Santiago were indicted for driving on a revoked license, window tint violation, and resisting stop.

Donald Lee Shields Jr. was indicted for theft of property, vandalism, and evading arrest.

Daniel Lee Taylor Smith and Christian Scott Jones were indicted for aggravated burglary, and theft of property from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

James Tittsworth was indicted for theft of property between \$2,500 and \$10,000, unlawful possession of a weapon, theft of property between \$60,000 and \$250,000, burglary, vandalism, and possession of a prohibited weapon.

Ethan Seth West was indicted for manufacture, delivery, sale or possession of meth, unlawful drug paraphernalia, driving on a revoked license and improper display of tag.

Thomas Allen Willett was indicted for theft over \$500, attempted theft of a horse trailer, aggravated criminal trespassing, burglary of a building, burglary of an auto, and attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

Kali Yuga was indicted for aggravated burglary, vandalism and theft over \$1,000.

Kasey Lynn Estes was indicted for simple possession of schedule III and IV drugs, introduction of contraband into a penal institution and DUI.

Samantha Davenport was indicted for vehicular assault, reckless endangerment, DUI third offense, failure to maintain proper lane, and driving on the wrong side of the road.

OBITUARIES

Charles Ray Baker, 77

Mr. Charles Ray Baker, 77, passed from this life to be with his loving wife of 53 years, Claudine.

A Spencer resident, he was born Dec. 28, 1940 in Warren County to A.P. Baker and Amanda Hillis Baker, who preceded him in death. He worked for Oster Corporation for 37 years and enjoyed working for Van Buren County in its solid waste department during his retirement years. He was a member of Spencer First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon since 1969. Charles Ray touched so many lives in a positive way. From his days as Spencer City Mayor to the many, many years of coaching little ones with the youth association and coaching our adult guys in softball to being a strong member of First Baptist Church.

Along with his mother and father he was preceded in death by wife Claudine Hayes Baker.

He is survived by his daughter Penny Baker of Spencer, grandchildren Haley (Drew) Townsend of Fortson, Ga., Caleb Campbell of Youngstown, Ohio and Drew Campbell of Spencer, great-grandchildren Hayes, Hallie Kate and Deacon Townsend of Fortson, Ga.; brother Bobby Baker of Pikeville, a large extended family and a host of friends.

Funeral service was Thursday, Feb. 8, at Layne Funeral Home chapel in Spencer with burial at Spencer Town Cemetery. Bro. Nathan Haynes and Bro. Tracy Curtis officiated with remarks by Caleb Campbell. The Van Buren County High School Class of 1958 was asked to serve as honorary pall bearers. Online condolences may be made at www.laynefuneralhome.com.

Layne Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Spencer was in charge of arrangements.

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Mary Ellen Roberts, 75

Mrs. Mary Ellen Roberts, 75, of McMinnville died Tuesday, Feb. 6, at her residence.

She was born Dec. 8, 1942, in Warren County, and was a retired employee of Oster Corporation. She was preceded in death by parents William Henry and Rilda Jane Lamb Higginbotham and sister Eva Jean Keathley.

Survivors include her husband Jerry Conley Roberts, son Jonathan Conley Roberts, stepdaughter Tina Roberts, sisters Betty Higginbotham, Jenny Higginbotham, and Brenda (Solan) Hayes, and brother Bill (Nancy) Higginbotham. Nieces, nephews, family members, and friends also survive.

Graveside service and interment will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at New Union Cemetery at Highway 30. Bro. Don Haston will officiate. The Roberts family will receive friends Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. at the parlors of McMinnville Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com.

McMinnville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Maggie Cleo Simons, 93

Maggie Cleo Simons, 93, a Warren County resident and native, was born Sept. 9, 1924 and died Feb. 6 at Signature Healthcare of Fentress County following an extended illness.

She was a homemaker, member of the Church of Christ and daughter of the late William J. and Martha Holt Prater. Mrs. Simons was married September of 1953 to Joseph Lawson "J.L." Simons, who preceded her in death. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by 12 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include three children and spouses, JoAnn and Mike Archambault of Clarkrange, James Gary and Cathey Simons of Manchester, and Jeffery Simons of Clarkrange; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at High's Chapel with Greg Nash to officiate. Interment will follow at Crain Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. Friday until the time of service at High's. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Alice Violet Taylor Dugan, 98

Port St. Lucie, Fla., resident and Broadford, Va., native Alice Violet Taylor Dugan, 98, was born Oct. 31, 1919 and died Feb. 4 at her residence following an extended illness.

A homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ, she was the daughter of the late John and Eudora Cox Taylor. She was married to Charlie Grady Dugan, who preceded her in death on Aug. 4, 1988. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four sisters, Frances Griffitts, Shirley Sword, Dorris Morris and Geraldine Cox Taylor; and brother John L. Taylor Jr.

She is survived by three children and their spouses, Charlotte and Chuck Kinnaman of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Charles Dugan of Indianapolis, Ind., and Earl and Sheryl Dugan of McMinnville; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service and interment will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Gardens of Memory Cemetery with Kevin Key officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at High's. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

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