

[Shri Manmohan Singh]

indeed a new millennium. There are tremendous opportunities, provided we have the wisdom and foresight to seize them. There are also immense dangers if we falter or appear indecisive. Sir, this then is a time for hard work, for recapturing the high noon of idealism which inspired our freedom struggle, for a firm determination to hold aloft, undimmed and untarnished, the bright torch of India which, as Jawaharlal Nehru was fond of saying, embodies her great and eternal spirit so that its light reaches every home and rekindles hope, faith and courage, and pride in being an Indian. Let us strive tirelessly, as the great poet Rabindranath Tagore said in his famous prayer, to build an India where "the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit". May we all be worthy of this noble task and of this ancient and sacred land of India.

With these words Sir, I commend the Budget to this august House.

18.43 hrs.

#### FINANCE BILL, 1994\*

[English]

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE  
(SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): I beg to

move for leave to introduce a Bill to give effect to the financial proposals of the Central Government for the financial year 1994-95.

MR SPEAKER: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to give effect to the financial proposals of the Central Government for the financial year 1994-95."

*The motion was adopted.*

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH:  
introduce the Bill.\*\*

MR SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, the 1st March, 1994, at 11.00 a.m.

18.44 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the clock on Tuesday, March 1, 1994 / Phalguna 10, 1915 (Saka)*

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\*\* Introduced with the recommendations of the President.