

immediately increase to between \$1,229 and \$1,564 just to ensure that Medicare survives 25 years.

Mr. President, as I have told Georgians and Americans all across the country, the era of passing these problems on to another generation is over. It is absolutely over. Within a decade, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Federal retirement and the interest only on our debt will consume 100 percent of the U.S. Treasury. It does not take a rocket scientist or a brilliant economist from one of our major universities to understand that that will wreak havoc on every family and every business. It will destabilize the world's greatest democracy.

This problem is going to get worked out. We are either going to take charge of it and lead our way out of it or we are going to stumble into it, and world markets and the economy will come crashing down on our heads.

I am reading from the Washington Times, Wednesday, June 5, 1996. It opens by saying:

The Clinton administration today is expected to confirm that Medicare will go bankrupt by 2001, but prospects for resolving the problem this year look dim.

So, as we approach this train wreck, we continue to turn away from it and we run the risk of destabilizing the lives of millions of Americans. But the more important thing that I read in this article is the following. It reads, "Democrats said they are not that concerned that Medicare will go broke," that is interesting, "because Congress has always acted at the last minute to avert a disaster."

The last minute part is correct. But the averting of a disaster is not. We have been moving with each succeeding year towards an ultimate disaster which has been called to our attention, once again, by the trustees. It says:

"I think Congress would default on Treasury bonds first," said Rep. Pete Stark, California Democrat.

It is interesting. Mr. Stark is the ranking member on the subcommittee on Ways and Means that deals with entitlements. This is a most interesting statement that he makes on this dilemma. He says:

Mr. Stark acknowledged the \$90 billion Democratic plan does not go far enough to reform the system, even in the near-term, and does not even begin to address what all sides say is a massive insolvency problem in 2010, when the Baby Boom generation starts to retire.

He goes on to say, and this is the key:

To fix the longer-term problem, Mr. Stark said, Democrats probably would resort either to a government takeover of the hospital and health-insurance payment system or raising payroll taxes.

I hope everybody across our land has a chance to hear that solution. This is the solution he is offering up that produced the 104th Congress. This was the idea that the administration and the President and the First Lady took all across the country and said, look, the

way to solve this problem is to have the Government take over medicine, have the Government take over another 17 percent of the American economy. And Americans said, "No way." They were so offended by this idea that they turned the majority of the Congress over.

But the idea has not left, and I believe that this statement by Representative Stark means that we are going to enter into, through the issue of Medicare, the whole question of our plan to modernize it, to create new options, to keep it in the private sector, to make it competitive, versus their plan, which is the old standard status quo, let the Government take it over and increase the economic burden on the American family and the American worker.

Mr. President, an average family in the State of Georgia today makes \$45,000 a year. By the time the Federal Government gets through going through their checking account, and the State government, and FICA for Social Security and Medicare, and their cost of regulatory reform, and their share of the higher interest rates because of the national debt, they end up with 49 percent of their wages to run their families' business. The suggestion that Mr. Stark is coming forward with is: That is not enough. Let us take another 10 or 20 percent out of their checking accounts.

What America needs is for Washington to return these resources to the checking accounts of the average American family and to reject the administration and Mr. Stark's everlasting plea for more government and bigger government and more taxes and higher taxes.

I think Mr. Stark, knowingly or unknowingly, wittingly or unwittingly, has drawn an enormous benchmark for us to debate over the balance of this year and the balance of this Congress as we talk about Medicare and talk about life in the American family and community in this great United States of America.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BENNETT). Without objection, it is so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. McCathran, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(the nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives for the concurrence of the Senate, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated

H.R. 3448. An act to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, to increase the take home pay of workers, to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer owned vehicles, and to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage rate and to prevent job loss by providing flexibility to employers in complying with minimum wage and overtime requirements under that Act; to the Committee on Finance.

The following bill was reported by the Committee on Armed Services, with amendments, and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs for a 30-day period provided in section 3(b) of Senate Resolution 400, 94th Congress, except that if the committee fails to report the bill within the 30-day limit, the Committee shall be automatically discharged from further consideration of the bill in accordance with that section:

S. 1718. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and for the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2886. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 95-13; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2887. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Effects of the Immigration Reform and Control Act: Characteristics and Labor Market Behavior of the Legalized Population Five Years Following Legalization"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2888. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to strengthen federal child protection laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2889. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Control Act of 1996"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2890. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Runaway and Homeless Youth Amendments of 1996"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2891. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the final rule on longshore activities by alien crewmembers, received on May 28, 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2892. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a determination relative to financing the exports of goods or services to the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2893. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice concerning the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and the Bosnia Serbs; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2894. A communication from the Under Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule relative to exports of Alaskan north slope crude oil, (RIN0694-AB44) received on May 29, 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2895. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchanges Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule relative to obligations of officers, directors and principal security holders, (RIN3235-AF66) received on May 31, 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2896. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchanges Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule relative to phase one recommendation of task for on disclosure simplification, (RIN3235-AG75) received on May 31, 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2897. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the staff report for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2898. A communication from the Executive Director of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Resolution Funding Corporation for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2899. A communication from the Chairperson of the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2900. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of four rules including a rule entitled "Food and Drugs," received on June 3, 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2901. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Condition of Education: 1996"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2902. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "The Model Comprehensive Program for the Treatment of Substance Abuse Metropolitan Area Treatment Enhancement System"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2903. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Delegations of Authority," (RIN2900-A110) received on June 3, 1996; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2904. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Veterans Education," (RIN2900-AH78) received on June 3, 1996; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2905. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Loan Guaranty," (RIN2900-AI01) received on June 3, 1996; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2906. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance," (RIN2900-AH64) received on June 3, 1996; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2907. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2908. A communication from the Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2909. A communication from the Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2910. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2911. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of the National Credit Union Administration, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2912. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2913. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2914. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Information Agency, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2915. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2916. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to law, the

report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2917. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2918. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2919. A communication from the Chairman of the National Science Board, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2920. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2921. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation For National Service, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2922. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2923. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-269 adopted by the Council on May 7, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2924. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-270 adopted by the Council on May 7, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2925. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-271 adopted by the Council on May 7, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2926. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-272 adopted by the Council on May 7, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2927. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-273 adopted by the Council on May 7, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2928. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-274 adopted by the Council on May 7, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2929. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to assist in the reform of travel management in the Federal Government; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2930. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize subsistence payment for employees performing certain dues; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2931. A communication from the Director of the Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "The Extension and Revocation of Post-Employment Waiver," received on May 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2932. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of General Accounting Office reports from April 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2933. A communication from Chairman of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2934. A communication from the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "The Performance Review of the Board of Real Property Assessments and Appeals for the District of Columbia for Tax Year 1996 Appeals"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2935. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding announcement 96-53, received on June 3, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2936. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding Revenue Procedure 96-35, received on May 31, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2937. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding Revenue Ruling 96-31, received on May 31, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2938. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding Revenue Ruling 96-32, received on May 31, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2939. A communication from the Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation regarding the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2940. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report concerning participation, assignment, and extra billing in the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2941. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Health Care Financing Administration Staff Summary"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2942. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Office of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule regarding Federal Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (RIN0960-AE43), received on June 3, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2943. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Removal of Toshiba Sanction Regulations," (RIN1515-AB96) received on May 31, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2944. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Federal Process Agents of Surety Compa-

nies," (RIN1510-AA49) received on May 31, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2945. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Treasury Forfeiture Fund for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services, with amendments:

S. 1718. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and for the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-277).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PRESSLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

James E. Hall, of Tennessee, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of 2 years. (Reappointment)

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I also report favorably two nomination lists in the Coast Guard, which were printed in full in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS on April 19, and May 22, 1996, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The nominations ordered to lie on the Secretary's desk were printed in the RECORDS of April 19, and May 22, 1996, at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

The following officers of the United States Coast Guard to be members of the Permanent Commissioned Teaching Staff at the Coast Guard Academy in the grade of lieutenant commander:

Vincent Wilczynski John B. McDermott

The following officer of the United States Coast Guard to be a member of the Permanent Commissioned Teaching Staff at the Coast Guard Academy in the grade of lieutenant:

James R. Dire

The following individual for appointment as a permanent regular commissioned officer in the United States Coast Guard in the grade of lieutenant:

Andrew J. Sorenson

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

Robert E. Anderson, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uni-

formed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring June 20, 2001.

Lonnie R. Bristow, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring June 20, 2001.

Shirley Ledbetter Jones, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring May 1, 2001.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 1845. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require written consent before using union dues and other mandatory employee fees for political activities; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1846. A bill to permit duty free treatment for certain articles provided by the Max Planck Institute for Radioastronomy and the Arcetri Astrophysical Observatory to the Steward Observatory; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1847. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to make it unlawful for any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer to transfer or market nonambulatory cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, or goats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1848. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the production and use of clean-fuel vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROTH (for himself and Mr. MOYNIHAN):

S. 1849. A bill to make technical corrections in trade legislation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DODD, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HEFLIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LOTT, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PELL, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SIMON, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1850. A bill to provide for the recognition and designation of the official society to administer and coordinate the United States of America activities to commemorate and celebrate the achievements of the second millennium, and promote even greater achievements in the millennium to come by endowing an international cross-cultural scholarship fund to further the development and education of the world's future leaders; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. MACK, and Mr. SMITH):