

are important. But we also must do the final thing. The final thing is to stop the drugs at the source, in the source country, and in transit.

BUD SELIG—COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Alan H. "Bud" Selig, on his unanimous selection today to serve as baseball's ninth permanent commissioner.

Alan "Bud" Selig is a very good friend of mine.

Admittedly today's announcement is somewhat anti-climactic as Bud Selig's tenure has already surpassed that of four of his eight predecessors as commissioner. But this is truly a special day and a great accomplishment for a deserving and wonderful American.

Senator HERB KOHL of Wisconsin and Bud were college classmates. Most college classmates would consider it a great success if later in life they were to share season tickets to a ballpark. This was a unique college roommate relationship in that both of them ended up being owners of major league franchises within their own city.

I must admit that I can think of few college rooming groups in our Nation's history who have attained such success. Most roommates simply aspire to one day share a set of season-tickets, but for each roommate to own one of the home town professional sports teams must surely be unprecedented.

While Bud may be an owner, he has always remained first and foremost, a fan, and that is why I think that he has been and will continue to be a successful commissioner. He understands the power of the game and the joy and disappointment that it can deliver to its fans.

Bud, you have an important job ahead of you, and some large footsteps that you must walk in. But I have every confidence that you will serve in a manner worthy of the position and its history. Congratulations.

When Milwaukee joined the major leagues in 1953, Bud became a Braves fan and subsequently the largest public stockholder in 1963. But he saw his beloved Braves move to Atlanta in 1965 and he then sold his stock.

But in recognition of the importance of baseball to the city, Bud formed an organization to bring baseball back to Milwaukee. After several heart-breaking failures Bud was successful in 1970 when a Seattle bankruptcy court awarded the Seattle franchise to the investment group led by Bud Selig, and the modern-day Milwaukee Brewers were born.

Bud has led the Brewers since the move to Milwaukee, and has upon his selection as commissioner placed his interest in a trust. His daughter Wendy is currently serving as the president of the club.

Not only is Bud an asset to the game of baseball, but he is a pillar in his community. He is a member of the

board of the Green Bay Packers football team and the University of Wisconsin medical school. He was a founder of athletes for youth, helped establish the child abuse prevention network and serves on the board for businesses against drunk driving. He is also a trustee of the Boys and Girls Club.

From the day that he took the reigns of baseball's executive council he has been faced with serious and difficult issues. He presided over the 230-day strike that wiped out the World Series for the first time in 90 years and led to a sharp drop-off in attendance and popularity. But eventually, he was able to help secure a new collective bargaining agreement with the players association, and the game has been moving in the right direction ever since.

Bud Selig has implemented a number of changes to the game that have been overwhelmingly popular with baseball's fans.

As a Red Sox fan, I want to personally thank the commissioner for implementing the popular wild card system. When I look in the sports pages today to check the standings, I don't see Boston as being 11 games out of first place. Instead, I see them with a five game lead in the wild card race. For that, I and much of New England thank the new commissioner.

He has also instigated interleague play that has brought tremendous excitement to cities all across America. For years, the Yankees-Mets or Cubs-White Sox debate took place in bar rooms and diners, but today it's taking place on the baseball diamond, where it should be.

Thanks to Bud Selig's leadership, baseball fans are no longer talking about labor programs. Instead they're talking about the quest to surpass Roger Maris's 61 home runs or Hack Wilson's RBI record. They're talking about whether or not the Yankees can break the record for most wins in a season. They're talking about the play-off hopes of the Red Sox and the Mets. And not only are they talking about baseball, but they're also going to the ball park, as major league attendance has almost completely returned to its pre-strike levels.

Today's vote is a testament to the job that Bud had done as interim commissioner. When he took the post in a temporary role in 1992, few people would have ever imagined that an owner could be approved as full-time commissioner. But Bud Selig is a commissioner for the future of baseball, and he will continue doing an admirable job tackling the problems of the modern game.

Perhaps the biggest problems facing baseball today is the dichotomy between rich and poor teams. And few Commissioners could be as uniquely well-suited to address this issue. As the owner of a small-market team Bud Selig understands the difficulties that the Milwaukee and Montreal of the world have going up against teams like the Braves and the Yankees.

He was instrumental in securing a revenue-sharing agreement between large and small market teams, and I am confident that he will continue seeking ways to address this issue.

In addition to a valuable perspective, Bud Selig also possesses the leadership skills and demeanor that will be necessary to take baseball into the next century. He's a far cry from the iron-fist of Judge Kinnesaw Mountain Landis. Instead, Bud Selig rules by consensus, and his consensus building skills will help him provide the unified leadership that will keep baseball on the right track as it heads into the 21st century.

On a personal note, I want to thank Bud Selig for his efforts to help expedite the move of the Yankees double-A farm team to Norwich, Connecticut. This ball club has played in Norwich for a few years now, and it has really helped to bring that community even closer together. They play in a beautiful ball park, that I'm proud to say is named after my father—Senator Thomas Dodd. The dedication of that stadium and the playing of the first minor league game in Norwich was a special day for me, and Bud Selig took the time from his busy schedule to spend that day with me and the people of Connecticut. And for that, I am thankful.

So our deep and sincere congratulations to Bud.

In closing, I would like to read a passage from one of Bud Selig's predecessors that highlights the significance of the job that he has just taken.

A former Connecticut resident who served as commissioner of baseball, A. Bartlett Giamatti, who passed away, former president of Yale University, wrote:

I believe baseball is a beautiful and exciting game, loved by millions—I among them—and I believe baseball an important, enduring American institution. It must assert and aspire to the highest principles—of integrity, of professionalism of performance, of fair play within its rules. It will come as no surprise that like any institution composed of human beings, this institution will not always fulfill its highest aspirations. I know of no worldly institution that does but this one, because it is so much a part of our history as a people, and because it has such a penchant on our national soul, has an obligation to the people for whom it is played to, its fans, and well-wishers to strive for excellence in all things to promote the highest ideals. I am told that I am an idealist. I hope so. I will continue to locate ideals I hold for myself and my country in the national game as well as in others of our national institutions.

"Bud" Selig, I think, embraces those thoughts that Bartlett Giamatti expressed some years ago before his untimely and early death. I am very confident that we will all be proud of his tenure as commissioner of baseball.

I wanted to take this moment to congratulate "Bud" Selig and his family this evening. It is a proud night for them, and certainly it is a good night for baseball and for America as well.

U.S. FOREIGN OIL CONSUMPTION
FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 3RD

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the American Petroleum Institute has reported that for the week ending July 3 that the U.S. imported 7,328,000 barrels of oil each day, 1,632,000 barrels a day less than the 8,960,000 imported during the same week a year ago.

While this is one of the rare weeks when Americans imported slightly less foreign oil than the same week a year ago, Americans still relied on foreign oil for 53.7 percent of their needs last week. There are no signs that the upward spiral will abate. Before the Persian Gulf War, the United States imported about 45 percent of its oil supply from foreign countries. During the Arab oil embargo in the 1970s, foreign oil accounted for only 35 percent of America's oil supply.

All Americans should ponder the economic calamity certain to occur in the U.S. if and when foreign producers shut off our supply—or double the already enormous cost of imported oil flowing into the U.S.: now 7,328,000 barrels a day at a cost of approximately \$80,608,830 a day.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, July 8, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,529,002,150,322.41 (Five trillion, five hundred twenty-nine billion, two million, one hundred fifty thousand, three hundred twenty-two dollars and forty-one cents).

One year ago, July 8, 1997, the federal debt stood at \$5,354,620,000,000 (Five trillion, three hundred fifty-four billion, six hundred twenty million).

Five years ago, July 8, 1993, the federal debt stood at \$4,340,815,000,000 (Four trillion, three hundred forty billion, eight hundred fifteen million).

Ten years ago, July 8, 1988, the federal debt stood at \$2,553,584,000,000 (Two trillion, five hundred fifty-three billion, five hundred eighty-four million).

Fifteen years ago, July 8, 1983, the federal debt stood at \$1,328,732,000,000 (One trillion, three hundred twenty-eight billion, seven hundred thirty-two million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,200,270,150,322.41 (Four trillion, two hundred billion, two hundred seventy million, one hundred fifty thousand, three hundred twenty-two dollars and forty-one cents) during the past 15 years.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the President Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting one withdrawal sun-

dry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

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-5803. A communication from the Federal Co-Chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Delta Regional Development Act"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5804. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, Lands and Mineral Segregation Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5805. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Peanuts Marketed in the United States; Relaxation of Handling Regulations" (Docket FV97-997-1 FIR and FV97-998-1 FIR) received on July 2, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5806. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imported Fire Ant Quarantined Areas" (Docket 97-101-2) received on July 1, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5807. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding requirements relating to the funding and discount services that certain Farm Credit System banks extend to non-System financial institutions (RIN3052-AB67) received on June 30, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5808. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of financial guarantees for the sale of aircraft to Turk Hava Yollari TAO of Turkey; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5809. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of financial guarantees for the sale of power generating equipment to Comision Federal de Electricidad of Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5810. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of financial guarantees for the sale of oil and gas services and equipment to Petroleos Mexicanos of Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5811. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of financial guarantees for the construction of a pulp and paper mill in Turkmenistan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5812. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Housing Fi-

nance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility for Membership and Advances" (RIN3069-AA69) received on July 2, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5813. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on open dumps on Indian lands for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5814. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning direct spending or receipts legislation within seven days of enactment dated June 9, 1998; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-5815. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Garden's financial statements and schedules for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5816. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veteran's Education: Suspension and Discontinuance of Payments" (RIN2900-AF85) received on July 2, 1998; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-5817. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, the notice of a decision to study certain functions performed by military and civilian personnel in the Department of the Navy dated June 24, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5818. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Logistics Augmentation Program"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5819. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding pesticide tolerances for sodium chlorate (FRL 5795-8) received on June 26, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5820. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding revisions to the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Ozone Non-attainment area Implementation Plans (FRL 6120-6) received on July 1, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5821. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding revisions to Air Quality Implementation Plans for New Mexico and Albuquerque (FRL 6118-4) received on July 1, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5822. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding the 15 Percent Plan for the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Ozone Nonattainment Area (FRL 6120-3) received on July 1, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5823. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL 6118-3) received on July 1,