

October 8, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,540,550,647,696.94 (Five trillion, five hundred forty billion, five hundred fifty million, six hundred forty-seven thousand, six hundred forty-seven dollars and ninety-four cents).

One year ago, October 8, 1997, the federal debt stood at \$5,413,433,000,000 (Four trillion, four hundred thirteen billion, four hundred thirty-three million).

Five years ago, October 8, 1993, the federal debt stood at \$4,400,578,000,000 (Four trillion, four hundred billion, five hundred seventy-eight million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$1 trillion—\$1,133,917,649,475.23 (One trillion, one hundred thirty-three billion, nine hundred seventeen million, six hundred forty-nine thousand, four hundred seventy-five dollars and twenty-three cents) in just 5 years.

ROBERT DIBBLEE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I would like to take just a moment to note the departure later this month of my Administrative Assistant, Robert Dibblee. Robert has served as my chief of staff for four years. He previously served a number of years with our former colleague, Senator Jake Garn.

He has been my right-hand man, not only in running my office—running my life actually—but also on key land policy issues affecting Utah. I have really come to rely on him for advice and counsel as well as for accomplishing the myriad of tasks that face a Senate office.

I want to use this public forum to recognize and thank Robert for his tireless efforts behind the scenes to keep the Utah Schools and Lands Exchange Act, just passed by the Senate, on track. From the day he arrived on my staff in 1993, I knew he would make my priority his own. I should mention that the first iteration of this legislation was my bill, S. 184, introduced during the 103rd Congress. The bill was enacted into law; but, unfortunately, the required land appraisals were never carried out by the Interior Department. And, the presidential designation of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in 1996 doubled the number of acres of trust land that needed to be offset or compensated.

Robert has worked practically on a daily basis on this issue with the Utah governor's office, the Interior Department, members and staff of the Senate Energy Committee, and with the staff of my colleagues in the Utah delegation, particularly Congressman JIM HANSEN, without whose assistance as chairman of the House Resources Subcommittee we could not have passed the bill today.

During this final week, Robert worked to break several logjams that could have sunk this legislation. Throughout the consideration of this bill, he has been a steady and reliable guide for this all-important bill to support education in Utah.

Robert is moving on to be Vice President for Government Relations for the National Association of Independent Insurers. So, I say to my colleagues who do not yet know him: you will. And, you will appreciate working with him as much as I have. Robert Dibblee is a stand-up guy who does what is right and honorable; he won't try to pull the wool over your eyes; and he follows through on his commitments.

I will miss having him as an integral part of my team, but I wish him well in this new, challenging assignment.

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR WENDELL FORD

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, when this Congress adjourns the Senate will lose its distinguished Minority Whip, the senior Senator from Kentucky, WENDELL H. FORD. WENDELL FORD has earned a reputation as the Senate's leader on aviation matters, and has long been one of the most influential members of the Senate on energy and election reform issues. He has battled for campaign finance reform legislation and led the fight for the "motor voter" bill which has expanded voter registration across the country.

There is no member of the Senate more well-liked by his colleagues than WENDELL FORD. However, I have often thought that one of the true measures of a Senator is how she or he relates to staff members, workers and other visitors to our nation's capital. WENDELL FORD is among the most beloved.

I think back to one particular incident. A member of my staff had brought his 5-year old son to work for the day. The staff member, needing to attend an important meeting, left his son to play with paper, crayons and stapler, under the supervision of several co-workers. He returned to find his son no longer at the desk where he had been left. A quick search followed. The young boy was found just outside the office in the Senate hallway where he had stopped Senator WENDELL FORD and attempted to sell him a book (artful pages of crayon scribbles, stapled together) for a nickel. Senator FORD was in the act of earnestly requesting two and trying to convince the young man to accept a dime as superior to the requested nickel.

Last March, WENDELL FORD became the longest serving senator from Kentucky in the history of the U.S. Senate when he surpassed another beloved Kentuckian, Alben Barkley.

WENDELL FORD is unsurpassed in many things: He is unsurpassed in his love of family, love of country and love of the U.S. Senate. He is unsurpassed in his efforts to be helpful to new members. How many times he has set aside personal needs or took the time to help newcomers to this body to weather the self doubts or maneuver through the complex procedures.

WENDELL FORD is unsurpassed in his commitment to the hard working families whom are the backbone of this na-

tion and in his passion for the "little guy".

Mr. President, to me, the story I told of the little boy in the Senate hall characterizes WENDELL FORD. WENDELL is a genuine, kind, straight-forward and thoughtful man as well as an effective national leader. All of us in the United States Senate and our families will miss the inimitable WENDELL FORD and his wife, Jean.

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR DAN COATS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, when the Congress ends, Senator DAN COATS of Indiana will retire from the Senate. DAN COATS and I have served together on the Armed Services Committee and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

On the Armed Services Committee, DAN COATS has served ably as the Chairman of the Airland Forces Subcommittee. He is a forceful proponent of a strong national defense and has consistently supported efforts to assure that our men and women in the military remain the best trained and equipped in the world.

Although DAN COATS was one of the leading proponents in the Senate of the version of the line-item veto which was passed and signed into law, and I joined with Senators BYRD and MOYNIHAN in arguing in an amicus curiae brief to the Supreme Court that that legislation was unconstitutional, I greatly respected the diligence and integrity with which he fought that battle.

My friend from Indiana and I have worked together for several years to prevent our states and communities from becoming dumping grounds for solid waste from other areas of the country and outside the country. He has been a persistent advocate of giving states and local governments the power to stem the flow of garbage flooding into their jurisdictions. I would like to thank him for all he has done on this matter, hopefully paving the way to a resolution which will give more power to the people whose quality of life is being harmed by a free interstate flow of trash.

Mr. President, DAN COATS' outstanding service as a United States Senator came as no surprise to me or my constituents. He was born and raised in Jackson, Michigan and naturally this has prepared him, like most Michiganders, to excel in life. However, even though he has wandered off to Indiana, and wandered even further into the GOP, I have enjoyed the opportunities which I have had to work with DAN COATS and will miss his friendship next year.

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR JOHN GLENN

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, when the 105th Congress adjourns sine die in the next few days, the Senate will lose one of our nation's true heroes, and one of

my personal heroes, Senator JOHN H. GLENN, Jr. of Ohio. I rise today to pay tribute to this great American, a man I feel genuinely honored to call my friend.

All of us old enough to remember JOHN GLENN's flight into orbit around the earth on February 20, 1967 aboard Friendship 7 stand in awe of his courage and strength of character. But this enormous accomplishment followed on a distinguished record of heroism in battle as a Marine officer and pilot. He served his country in the Marine Corps for 23 years, including his heroic service in both World War II and the Korean conflict. And, in turn, his remarkable accomplishment in the history of space flight has been followed by an extraordinary Senate career over the past 24 years, as the only Ohio Senator in history to serve four consecutive terms.

For the 20 years that I have been in the Senate, I have served side by side with JOHN GLENN in both the Governmental Affairs Committee which he chaired for many years and now serves as Ranking Minority Member and the Armed Services Committee where he serves as the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Airland Forces. More recently, I have served with JOHN GLENN on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. This has given me a front row seat to watch one of the giants of the modern day U.S. Senate do the hard, grinding work of legislative accomplishment.

Over the years, JOHN GLENN has led the fight for efficiency in government, for giving the American people more bang for that tax "buck". He was the author of the Paperwork Reduction Act. He has worked to streamline federal purchasing procedures, and led the fight to create independent inspectors general in federal agencies. He was the point man in the Senate for the Clinton Administration's battle to reduce the size of the federal workforce to the lowest levels since the Kennedy Administration. He and I have fought side by side to block extreme efforts to gut regulatory safeguards in the name of reform and for the passage of a sensible approach to regulatory reform to restore confidence in government regulations. Throughout his career, JOHN GLENN has made himself an enemy of wasteful spending and bureaucracy, yet a friend of the dedicated federal worker.

JOHN GLENN has steadfastly served as a powerful advocate for veterans. He led the effort to bring the Veterans Administration up to cabinet-level and to provide benefits to veterans of the Persian Gulf conflict.

On the Armed Services Committee, JOHN GLENN has brought his enormous credibility to bear time and again both in that Committee and on the Intelligence Committee on the side of needed programs and weapons and against wasteful and unnecessary ones like the B-2 bomber.

Perhaps JOHN GLENN's most important role, however, has been as the au-

thor of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act and as the Senate's leader in fighting the proliferation of nuclear weapons around the world. In this area, the Senate will sorely miss his clear vision, eloquent voice and consistent leadership.

Mr. President, JOHN GLENN, of course, has remained the strongest and most effective voice in the Senate for the nation's space program. Many of us will be on hand to watch the launch of his second NASA mission later this month, 31 years after the first. At age 77, JOHN GLENN has volunteered to go back into space to test the effects of weightlessness on the aging process, and once again inspires our nation and sets an example for us all—an example of courage, character, sense of purpose, and, yes, adventure.

No person I've known or know of has worn his heroism with greater humility. JOHN GLENN is, to use a Yiddish word, a true mensch, a good and decent man.

JOHN GLENN and his beloved wife, Annie, are simply wonderful people. They, their children and grandchildren are the All-American family. My wife Barbara and I will keenly miss JOHN and Annie Glenn as they leave the Senate family.

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR DALE BUMPERS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, the United States Senate is about to lose one of the great orators of its long history. I never had the opportunity, of course, to hear Webster or Clay or Calhoun. But, I have heard DALE BUMPERS of Arkansas on the Senate floor and it's hard to imagine anyone could have been a more forceful, eloquent, or effective speaker.

I was reminded recently by a former staff member of one debate in particular. The issue was the proposed real estate development in Northern Virginia at the site of the Second Battle of Manassas. The debate had stretched into a Friday evening and a larger than usual number of Senators were on the floor. The manager had made an effective presentation when DALE BUMPERS, the author of a more restrictive version of the bill rose to speak.

Knowing that many of his colleagues love history, DALE BUMPERS using detailed maps laid out the story of the Second Battle of Manassas more than a hundred years ago. Every Senator on the floor that night listened with rapt attention. As he reached the climax of his performance, DALE BUMPERS said:

"Well, I could go on and on, but I want to just simply say . . . I believe strongly in our heritage, and I think our children ought to know where these battlefields are and what was involved in them. And, I don't want to go out there ten years from now with my grandson and tell him about the Second Battle of Manassas . . . and he says, 'Grandpa, wasn't General Lee in control of this war here—didn't he command the confederate troops?'"

"Yes, he did."

"Well, where was he?"

"He was up there where that shopping mall is."

Senator BUMPERS then said, "I can see a big granite monument inside that mall's hallway right now: 'General Lee Stood On This Spot'. Now if you really cherish our heritage, as I do, and you believe that history is very important for our children, you'll vote for my amendment."

Rarely in the modern Senate do we see issues actually decided in debate on the floor. But, I suspect that that night I watched DALE BUMPERS, with that speech, win the "Third Battle of Manassas".

DALE BUMPERS has served in the Senate for four terms. He has been one of the most consistent voices for elimination of wasteful government spending. We will all miss his leadership in efforts to reform federal mining law and grazing fees. His battles against the Clinch River Breeder Reactor which he won in 1984, the superconducting super collider which he finally won in 1993 and the space station which he did not win, have become legendary.

DALE BUMPERS and I both take pride in the fact that we were among the few Senators to vote against the Reagan tax cut and unfunded defense buildup of 1981 which together led to the huge deficits of the 1980's.

DALE would have made a great President because he is a person whose clarity of expression is matched by the courage of his vision and his commitment to America's working families.

Mr. President, when the 106th Congress convenes next year, the Senate will seem an emptier body in the absence of one of its most memorable leaders and all of us in the Senate family with miss DALE and Betty Bumpers.

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR DIRK KEMPTHORNE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a colleague and friend who will be leaving the Senate when the 105th Congress adjourns, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, the junior senator from Idaho.

I have served with DIRK KEMPTHORNE on both the Armed Services and Small Business Committees where I have come to respect his thoughtfulness, dedication and hard work.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE has been a valuable member of the Armed Services Committee where he has served as the Chairman of the Personnel Subcommittee. As Chairman, he has demonstrated a commitment to the welfare of our men and women in uniform and their families.

Senator KEMPTHORNE joined with Senator BYRD in initiating the Congressional Commission on Military Training to examine issues related to basic training of men and women which will give its best advice to the Congress