

does for our young men and wish them well as they open their 2001 session.

#### THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, June 13, 2001, the Federal debt stood at \$5,681,952,015,740.15, Five trillion, six hundred eighty-one billion, nine hundred fifty-two million, fifteen thousand, seven hundred forty dollars and fifteen cents.

One year ago, June 13, 2000, the Federal debt stood at \$5,651,369,000,000, Five trillion, six hundred fifty-one billion, three hundred sixty-nine million.

Five years ago, June 13, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,139,482,000,000, Five trillion, one hundred thirty-nine billion, four hundred eighty-two million.

Ten years ago, June 13, 1991, the Federal debt stood at \$3,494,282,000,000, Three trillion, four hundred ninety four billion, two hundred eighty-two million.

Fifteen years ago, June 13, 1986, the Federal debt stood at \$2,046,290,000,000, Two trillion, forty-six billion, two hundred ninety million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$3.5 trillion, \$3,635,662,015,740.15, Three trillion, six hundred thirty-five billion, six hundred sixty-two million, fifteen thousand, seven hundred forty dollars and fifteen cents during the past 15 years.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO HERBERT SAFFIR

• Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize an outstanding Floridian, Mr. Herbert Saffir. Herb Saffir graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1940 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He served in the Army during World War II and worked as an engineer with federal agencies and private-sector firms in New York, Ohio, Tennessee, and Virginia before moving to South Florida in 1947. For the next 12 years he was an assistant county engineer for Miami-Dade County. In 1959, he started his own structural engineering firm, Herbert Saffir Consulting Engineers, in Coral Gables, FL.

Herb Saffir is considered one of the foremost experts on engineering buildings to resist damage by high winds. His expertise was so integral in the formulating of the building codes in South Florida that he is known as the "father of the Miami building code." Although this is a great achievement, Herb Saffir's accolades go even further.

In 1972, Robert Simpson, former Director of the National Hurricane Center had difficulty describing to emergency management and disaster officials what kind of damage to expect from approaching hurricanes. It was determined that a scale was needed to give disaster officials an idea of what to expect from a storm. Herb Saffir was enlisted to work with Simpson on this

project. Together they created the Saffir-Simpson Damage Potential Scale, which established the five categories of hurricane severity. The Saffir-Simpson Scale is still used today and is a vital tool to assess the possible destruction associated with an approaching hurricane.

When Hurricane Andrew tore through Florida in August 1992, weather forecasters relayed information on the powerful storm to concerned citizens using the ratings system. But, Herb Saffir was not satisfied to just lend his name to the efforts to mitigate damage from Hurricane Andrew. He also lent a hand. Using his vast engineering knowledge and experience, Mr. Saffir was integral in the rebuilding of South Florida. He was recognized for his efforts with the Florida Engineering Society's Engineer of the Year Award in 1994.

Mr. Saffir work continues to be recognized today. The American Society of Civil Engineers recently recognized Mr. Saffir for his research and development of wind-damage analysis on structures, and for the creation of the Saffir-Simpson Scale now used extensively by emergency management organizations as far away as Australia. In fact, the National Hurricane Center described Mr. Saffir as "a national treasure."

Herb Saffir is a remarkable American and a credit to the State of Florida. It brings me great joy to recognize his accomplishments today.●

##### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT B. PIRIE, JR.

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant, Robert B. Pirie, Jr., as he completes more than 7 years of continuous service within the civilian leadership of the Department of the Navy, first as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment, then as the Under Secretary of the Navy, and finally as Acting Secretary of the Navy. In each capacity, he worked tirelessly to serve America and our Navy and Marine Corps. His time in the Pentagon was the pinnacle of a public service career spanning fifty years.

Secretary Pirie is a 1955 Naval Academy graduate, whose achievements as a midshipman propelled him to a Rhodes Scholarship. He served 20 years on active duty, a military career that culminated in command-at-sea aboard a nuclear attack submarine. Secretary Pirie went on to provide exceptional public service as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense in the Carter Administration.

When he returned to the Department of the Navy seven and a-half years ago, his confident leadership and far-reaching vision helped the Navy navigate through many complex issues. Whether leading the Department's efforts to conduct critical training at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility at

Vieques, Puerto Rico, or increasing force protection for Sailors and Marines in the aftermath of the USS COLE terrorist attack, or addressing the encroachment issues that complicate our operational and training ranges, Robert Pirie's leadership has been vital to the readiness and success of our country's military forces.

Secretary Pirie provided exceptional advice, support and guidance to the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Commandant of the Marine Corps. His keen insight, relentless dedication, and extraordinary talent have contributed significantly to building and maintaining the world's best-trained, best-equipped, and best-prepared Navy and Marine Corps. His vision has positively shaped the future readiness and capabilities of the fleet in ways that will resonate for many years.

It is a pleasure to recognize Secretary Pirie for his many contributions in a life devoted to our nation's security as he leaves the Department of the Navy. I know my colleagues join me in wishing him and his wife Joan much happiness and fair winds and following seas as they begin a new chapter in their lives.●

##### IN HONOR OF BARBARA L. BAILEY

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise to speak today in memory of Mrs. Barbara L. Bailey, a great and gracious lady, the first lady of Connecticut Democratic politics, who passed away this past Monday.

As my colleague Senator CLINTON said when she introduced Mrs. Bailey at the White House a few years back, Mrs. Bailey "has been a stalwart of the Democratic Party in Connecticut and progressive politics . . . in the country." I first met Barbara Bailey when I was writing my senior thesis at college on her husband, John Bailey, former Democratic National Committee Chairman under President Kennedy and legendary Connecticut political leader.

Mrs. Bailey was an astute political advisor and partner to her husband. She was known as a gracious host to politicians at all levels of government. Mrs. Bailey entertained such political luminaries as President John F. Kennedy and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and many, many others.

After her husband died in 1975 Mrs. Bailey continued to follow Democratic politics closely and actively. In fact, a few years ago four generations of Baileys gathered at the White House when Barbara spoke about the importance of health care and introduced President Clinton at the White House on Mother's Day.

Mrs. Bailey has also spent her life devoted to public service, especially on issues concerning women. Just last month, the 93-year-old Mrs. Bailey received a lifetime achievement award from the Ladies Auxiliary of Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in

Hartford. She also spent ten years as a trustee of the University of Connecticut.

Mrs. Bailey is known to Connecticut as the matriarch of a distinguished political family. Her family has always been most important to her and I know it was a joy for her to see her children and grandchildren continue the tradition of civic involvement that she and her husband believed in so deeply. Her daughter, Barbara Bailey Kennelly, is the former U.S. Representative from Connecticut's first district and has run for Governor of the Nutmeg State. Her son, Jack Bailey, is currently the chief State's attorney. And just this summer Mrs. Bailey's grandson, Austin Perkins, represented Connecticut as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, CA.

Barbara Bailey's death is a loss for me personally and for the whole of Connecticut. We will remember her fondly as a gracious woman of principle, a champion of good causes and a beloved mother, grandmother and friend.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MINNEAPOLIS METAL WORKERS LODGE 459

● Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I rise today to salute the Capitol City and Minneapolis Metal Workers Lodge 459 on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary.

For a century, members of this Minnesota Union have fought for and secured fair wages and decent, safe working conditions for all workers. Through the years the brothers and sisters of Lodge 459 have labored tirelessly to guarantee that each worker's rights are respected, each family's future is insured.

A strong labor force is the backbone of our economy; it is the power behind every successful business, every growing community. Today, the proud members of Lodge 459 continue in the strong tradition of their parents and grandparents. They reflect the dedication and determination which are the hallmark of the labor movement in our Nation. Together, they will safeguard the future for our children and grandchildren. And in doing so, they will assure that in America, businesses will thrive, communities will grow, and families will succeed.●

#### TRIBUTE TO GEORGE C. SPRINGER

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise to honor George C. Springer, who is stepping down this month after an unprecedented 11 two-year terms as the President of the Connecticut Federation of Educational and Professional Employees, formerly the Connecticut State Federation of Teachers. George will remain active in the union as the recently-appointed director of the American Federation of Teachers' Northeast Region.

I mentioned the change in the union's name because it highlights

George's unceasing efforts on behalf of its members. In 1979, when George began his leadership of the union, it had about 11,000 members, almost all of whom were teachers. Today, the union has 24,000 members, including teachers and other professional school-related employees, State and municipal employees, health care professionals, and higher education faculty. Twenty-two years ago, the union had only one full-time officer, two clerical employees, and a handful of field representatives. Today, it has three full-time officers, a staff of 15, and numerous field representatives. George rightly is proud of the increased diversity of his union.

George also ought to be proud of what his advocacy has brought—not only benefits for union members, but also the ability for them to do their jobs better, to better serve the children and all citizens of Connecticut. George tirelessly has fought for greater involvement for the union and its members in legislative and policy matters. I think it is especially appropriate, as we prepare to complete debate on reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, to talk about how public education in Connecticut has changed for the better during George's tenure.

In 1979, teacher pay was poor, the gap between the quality of schools for wealthy children and those for poor children was great, and relations between the union and school boards was contentious. Today, teacher salaries and student achievement in Connecticut are among the best in the country, the State is working to provide a quality education for all children, and the union frequently works hand in hand with school management to improve the school system.

But, George's influence has not been limited to Connecticut, or even the United States. As President, George has represented the union around the country and around the world, in such places as Brazil, Belgium, Hong Kong, Japan, and Sweden. He also has served as an election observer in South Africa and Nigeria. I have no doubt that from New Britain, Connecticut, where he taught for 20 years, to the many places he has been around the world, George has left his mark. Nor do I doubt that he will continue to leave his mark, as he works hard at the AFT to better connect State and local affiliates with the national organization and with each other.

Tonight, George's fellow union members, other friends, and his family are gathering in Hartford to celebrate his leadership of the union. I regret that I cannot join them in person, but certainly I join them in spirit.

It has been my privilege to know George for many years, and I offer my admiration and gratitude for his work, and best wishes as he moves on to new challenges.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 9:19 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1914. An act to extend for 4 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 11:53 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1157. An act to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to provide financial assistance to the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho for salmon habitat restoration projects in coastal waters and upland drainages, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2052. An act to facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 145. Concurrent resolution condemning the recent order by the Taliban regime of Afghanistan to require Hindus in Afghanistan to wear symbols identifying them as Hindu.

At 4:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1088. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to reduce fees collected by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1157. An act to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to provide financial assistance to the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho for