in the name of the workers and peasants, but were still intelligible, and in the end, most of the people were against us.

END OF GAME—SANDINISTAS STUNNED BY SCOPE OF ELECTION LOSS

The war eventually forced the Sandinistas to agree to internationally supervised elections. Ortega, the publisher of La Prensa, one of their most important allies during the war against Somoza—now the president of Nicaragua—has left politics and now manages a garment factory, said that what he saw during the fighting was not the Sandinistas dreamed of in 1979, when they thought they would do nothing less than construct a New Man, free of the chains of ego and selfishness.

“I always thought the revolution would be a transcendental story in human development,” mused Ortega earlier this month. “But it wasn’t, was it?”

46TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN ARMISTICE

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, on July 27, 1953, the armistice was signed, ending the Korean War. On July 27, 1999, nearly forty-six years after the fighting stopped, the Veterans of Foreign Wars gathered for the dedication of a Korean War Memorial in Fultondale, Alabama. I rise today, on the 46th Anniversary of the armistice, to honor the military personnel who faithfully served our nation in this conflict.

Many have wrongly called Korea “the Forgotten War.” I want Korean War veterans to know that we have not forgotten their brave service to our nation. The courage and dedication of American troops who fought on and around the Korean Peninsula should never be forgotten. The names of Pusan, Inchon, Chosin Reservoir and countless other locations where our forces fought against Communist aggression continue to bring pride to the hearts and minds of all Americans.

We are constantly and correctly reminded of the thousands of Americans who lost so much in the Vietnam War. Vietnam left such a lasting impression on our history that there has been a temptation to overlook our nation’s first stand against the Communist threat in Asia. I am committed to inculcating the lesson that we do not succumb to this temptation. We must not forget either the 37,000 Americans who gave their lives in Korea, or the 8,000 MIAs whose fate remains a mystery.

Those who served their nation from 1950–53 suffered much, but have left a proud legacy. The 8th Army, Far East Air Force, 1st Marine Division, and 7th Fleet proved their mettle in Korea and remain among the proudest names in American military history. The peace and stability which the people of South Korea enjoy today is the direct result of the gallantry of our Armed Forces. The 38,000 American personnel who currently serve in South Korea are guardians of the liberty which their predecessors fought to establish nearly half a century ago.

Mr. President, I ask you and my fellow United States Senators to join me in recognizing the members of the Armed Services who sacrificed so much in defense of freedom and democracy on the Korean Peninsula.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Monday, July 26, 1999, the Federal debt stood at $5,656,525,745,471.93 (Five trillion, six hundred thirty-six billion, five hundred twenty-five million, seven hundred forty-five thousand, four hundred seventy-one dollars and ninety-three cents).

Five years ago, July 26, 1994, the Federal debt stood at $4,632,297,000,000 (Four trillion, six hundred thirty-two billion, two hundred ninety-seven million dollars).

Ten years ago, July 26, 1989, the Federal debt stood at $2,802,473,000,000 (Two trillion, eight hundred two billion, four hundred seventy-three million dollars).

Fifteen years ago, July 26, 1984, the Federal debt stood at $1,536,607,000,000 (One trillion, five hundred thirty-six billion, six hundred seven million dollars).

Twenty-five years ago, July 26, 1974, the Federal debt stood at $475,807,000,000 (Four hundred seventy-five billion, eight hundred seven million dollars) which reflects a debt increase of more than $3 trillion—$3,180,718,745,471.93 (Three trillion, one hundred eighty-six billion, seven hundred forty-five thousand, four hundred eighty-six million, seven hundred forty-five thousand dollars).

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

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:46 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Berry, 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. 2561. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal...