

Five years ago, October 20, 1994, the Federal debt stood at \$4,709,361,000,000 (Four trillion, seven hundred nine billion, three hundred sixty-one million).

Ten years ago, October 20, 1989, the Federal debt stood at \$2,876,433,000,000 (Two trillion, eight hundred seventy-six billion, four hundred thirty-three million) which reflects a doubling of the debt—an increase of almost \$3 trillion—\$2,793,029,918.75 (Two trillion, seven hundred ninety-three billion, twenty-nine million, one hundred ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred eighty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents) during the past 10 years.

NOMINATIONS

Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, as my colleagues know, I have been urging the Majority Leader to schedule Senate debate and votes on two nominees for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals—Marsha Berzon and Richard Paez. Judge Paez was first nominated 45 months ago. Ms. Berzon's nomination has been pending for almost 2 years.

I know that the Majority Leader supports the nomination of Glenn McCullough to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

I have no objection to voting on Mr. McCullough. I voted him favorably out of the Environment and Public Works Committee this week.

What I do object to is keeping the nominations of Judge Paez and Marsha Berzon from the Senate floor long after they have been voted out of committee.

So I have no problem with Senator LOTT's nominee, who has been waiting for a Senate vote for two days—as long as Senator LOTT and the Republican majority also consider those who have been waiting years for a vote.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:57 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Berry, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2670. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

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

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:49 p.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. 1663. An act to recognize National Medal of Honor sites in California, Indiana, and South Carolina.

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

At 6:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Berry, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2466) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed on today, October 21, 1999, by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND):

H.R. 2841. An act to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for greater fiscal autonomy consistent with other United States jurisdictions, 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-5724. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Scale Requirements for Accurate Weights, Repairs, Adjustments, and Replacement After Inspection", received October 8, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5725. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the New England and Other Marketing Areas; Final Rule; Delay of Effective Date—(DA-97-12)", received October 7, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5726. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designations; California, Pennsylvania, and Puerto Rico" (Docket #99-063-1), received October 19, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5727. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Animal Welfare; Perimeter Fence Requirements" (Docket #95-029-2), received October 19, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5728. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Disease Status of Belgium Because of BSE" (Docket #97-115-2), received October 15, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5729. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Disease Status of Luxembourg Because of BSE" (Docket #97-118-2), received October 15, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5730. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oriental Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area" (Docket #99-044-2), received October 14, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5731. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL #6381-3), received October 15, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5732. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL #6386-5), received October 15, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5733. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tebufenozide; Benzoic Acid, 3,5-dimethyl-1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-2-(4-thylbenzoyl) hydrazide, Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL #6382-6), received October 15, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5734. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sethoxydim; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL #6385-9), received October 15, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5735. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metolachlor; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL #6386-1), received October 15, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5736. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 8.15, 'Acceptable Programs for Respiratory Protection'", received October 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.