

choice and opportunity to all Americans, and enable them to be full partners in the American dream. For countless persons with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities across the country, this legislation will continue to help to make that dream come true.

This bill deserves the support of every Member of Congress, and I look forward to its prompt enactment into law.

#### THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Friday, November 5, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,661,710,720,483.34 (Five trillion, six hundred sixty-one billion, seven hundred ten million, seven hundred twenty thousand, four hundred eighty-three dollars and thirty-four cents).

One year ago, November 5, 1998, the Federal debt stood at \$5,561,271,000,000 (Five trillion, five hundred sixty-one billion, two hundred seventy-one million).

Fifteen years ago, November 5, 1984, the Federal debt stood at \$1,619,575,000,000 (One trillion, six hundred nineteen billion, five hundred seventy-five million).

Twenty-five years ago, November 5, 1974, the Federal debt stood at \$475,739,000,000 (Four hundred seventy-five billion, seven hundred thirty-nine million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,185,971,720,483.34 (Five trillion, one hundred eighty-five billion, nine hundred seventy-one million, seven hundred twenty thousand, four hundred eighty-three dollars and thirty-four cents) during the past 25 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 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

At 1:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 1693. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the overtime exemption for employees engaged in fire protection activities.

H.R. 3075. An act to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to make corrections and refinements in the Medicare, Medicaid, and State children's health insurance programs, as revised by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 6:45 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 bills and joint resolution:

S. 468. An act to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public.

S. 900. An act to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3122. An act to permit the enrollment in the House of Representatives Child Care Center of children of Federal employees who are not employees of the legislative branch.

H.J. Res. 54. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact.

#### 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-6084. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to accelerator transmutation of waste; referred jointly, pursuant to Public Law 97-425, to the Committees on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Environment and Public Works.

EC-6085. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6086. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, a report relative to a cost comparison conducted at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6087. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Greece; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6088. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6089. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Republic of Croatia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6090. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6091. A communication from the Program Manager, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Public Law 104-132, the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, Relating to the Making of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection" (RIN1512-AB63), received November 4, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6092. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling: Health Claims; Soy Protein and Coronary Artery Disease"; received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6093. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Liability Fund; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6094. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Investment Securities; Rules, Policies, and Procedures for Corporate Activities; and Bank Activities and Operations" (RIN1557-AB61), received November 1, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6095. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exports to Kosovo" (RIN0694-AB99), received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6096. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Blocked Persons, Specially Designated Nationals, Specially Designated Terrorists, Foreign Terrorist Organizations, and Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers: Addition of Persons Blocked Pursuant to Executive Order 13088" (Appendices A and B to 31 CFR Chapter V), received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6097. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Export-Import Bank of 1945 Act and Executive Order 12660, a report relative to an Export-Import Bank guarantee of the financing of the sale of defense articles to Venezuela; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.