

(Two trillion, eight hundred ninety-five billion, seven hundred forty-two million).

Fifteen years ago, November 8, 1984, the Federal debt stood at \$1,616,564,000,000 (One trillion, six hundred sixteen billion, five hundred sixty-four million).

Twenty-five years ago, November 8, 1974, the Federal debt stood at \$478,873,000,000 (Four hundred seventy-eight billion, eight hundred seventy-three million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,181,815,811,424.68 (Five trillion, one hundred eighty-one billion, eight hundred fifteen million, eight hundred eleven thousand, four hundred twenty-four dollars and sixty-eight 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 two withdrawal and nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:22 a.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. 359. An act to clarify the intent of Congress in Public Law 93-632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance and operation of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wilderness area was designated in that Public Law.

H.R. 1832. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the Federal minimum wage.

H.R. 2307. An act to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, as the "Thomas J. Brown Post Office Building."

H.R. 2904. An act to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to reauthorize funding for the Office of Government Ethics.

H.R. 3002. An act to provide for the continued preparation of certain useful reports concerning public lands, Native Americans, fisheries, wildlife, insular areas, and other natural resources-related matters, and to repeal provisions of law regarding terminated reporting requirements concerning such matters.

H.R. 3077. An act to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project.

H.R. 3189. An act to designate the United States post office located at 14071 Peyton Drive in Chino Hills, California, as the "Joseph Ito Post Office."

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2116) to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of extended care services for veterans and to make other improvements in health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. STUMP, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. QUINN, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. EVANS, Ms. BROWN of Florida, and Mr. DOYLE, as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2280) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 76. Joint resolution waiving certain enrollment requirements for the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress with respect to any bill or joint resolution making general appropriations or continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

At 5:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 1555) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on November 9, 1999, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bills:

S. 468. An act to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial as-

sistance 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.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The following bills and joint resolution, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed on today, November 9, 1999, by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND):

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.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-370. A resolution adopted by the Nevada State AFL-CIO Annual Convention relative to the National Surface Transportation Board; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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-6102. A communication from the Executive Director, Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6103. A communication from the Inspector General, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6104. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6105. A communication from the Staff Director, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.