

U.S. Capitol. During his years of service, we have known Jim to be a fine employee who always performed his duties with spirit and dedication. Jim is married to Nae Davis and they have a son, James Jr. We wish Jim the best of luck in his retirement.

WASHINGTON CENTER FOR INTERNSHIPS AND ACADEMIC SEMINARS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars for its excellent work over the last 25 years. The Center, which was founded by William and Sheila Burke in 1975, is an independent, non-profit educational organization that has placed more than 24,000 students from over 750 colleges and universities in internships across the Washington, D.C. area.

The Center plays a critical and formative role in teaching students the value of public service. The organization fosters an enduring civic awareness by placing students in internships and by holding academic seminars that introduce students to the exciting culture and history of our nation's capital. In addition to helping students experience the extraordinary educational opportunities that exist in the District of Columbia, The Center has made an invaluable contribution to public service by helping those of us in Congress to identify talented and energetic young men and women to assist in our work on behalf of the American public.

I know that many of my colleagues share my deep appreciation for this extraordinary achievement, and join me in commending The Center for its pioneering efforts over the last quarter century to promote participatory learning in the nation's capitol. On this, The Center's 25th anniversary, it deserves the recognition and thanks of all of us who work in our nation's capitol and who have benefitted from The Center's important work.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I wish the Washington Center continued success in fulfilling its vital mission to enhance the lives and learning of our nation's college students. This Center's work has immeasurably enriched the lives of students and the lives of those who have been fortunate enough to work with them, and I know it will continue to do so for many years to come.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, March 24, 1999, the federal debt stood at \$5,645,338,661,953.64 (Five trillion, six hundred forty-five billion, three hundred thirty-eight million, six hundred sixty-one thousand, nine hundred fifty-three dollars and sixty-four cents).

One year ago, March 24, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,542,617,000,000

(Five trillion, five hundred forty-two billion, six hundred seventeen million).

Five years ago, March 24, 1994, the federal debt stood at \$4,556,299,000,000 (Four trillion, five hundred fifty-six billion, two hundred ninety-nine million).

Ten years ago, March 24, 1989, the federal debt stood at \$2,737,627,000,000 (Two trillion, seven hundred thirty-seven billion, six hundred twenty-seven million) which reflects a debt increase of almost \$3 trillion—\$2,907,711,661,953.64 (Two trillion, nine hundred seven billion, seven hundred eleven million, six hundred sixty-one thousand, nine hundred fifty-three dollars and sixty-four cents) during the past 10 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 11:29 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. 1141. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 643. An act to authorize the Airport Improvement Program for 2 months, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 12131, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the President's Export Council: Mr. EWING of Illinois, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Mr. PICKERING of Mississippi.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 68. An act to amend section 20 the Small Business Act and make technical corrections in title III of the Small Business Investment Act.

H.R. 92. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse lo-

cated at 251 North Main Street in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as the "Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 158. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 316 North 26th Street in Billings, Montana, as the "James F. Battin United States Courthouse".

H.R. 233. An act to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the "Richard C. White Federal Building."

H.R. 396. An act to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building."

S. 314. An act to provide for a loan guarantee program to address the Year 2000 computer problems of small business concerns, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 7:58 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 68. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 23. Concurrent Resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

At 9:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

H.R. 774. An act to amend the Small Business Act to change the condition of participation and provide an authorization of appropriations for the women's business center program.

H.R. 808. An act to extend for 6 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted.

H.J. Res. 26. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Barber B. Conable, Jr. as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.J. Res. 27. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Dr. Hanna H. Gray as citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.J. Res. 28. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Wesley S. Williams, Jr. as a citizen of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

S. 643. An act to authorize the Airport Improvement Program for 2 months, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills and joint resolutions were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).