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One year ago, March 3, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,653,396,000,000 (Five trillion, six hundred fifty-three billion, three hundred ninety-six million).

Five years ago, March 3, 1995, the Federal debt stood at \$4,840,473,000,000 (Four trillion, eight hundred forty billion, four hundred seventy-three million).

Twenty-five years ago, March 3, 1975, the Federal debt stood at \$496,847,000,000 (Four hundred ninety-six billion, eight hundred forty-seven million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,246,011,530,572.10 (Five trillion, two hundred forty-six billion, eleven million, five hundred thirty thousand, five hundred seventy-two dollars and ten cents) during the past 25 years.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### PESTICIDE EXPOSURE

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise in support of the amendment offered by Senator BOXER to S. 1134 that would help to protect children from exposure to pesticides used in schools. In the wake of tragic incidents in schools across the nation, many people now think of school safety in terms of enhanced protection from violent crime. My colleague's amendment addresses a less visible aspect of school safety: the need to reduce environmental health hazards from pesticides.

Because of their smaller size, greater intake of food and air relative to body weight, recreational environment, and developing systems, children are at higher risk from pesticide exposure than adults. Numerous studies show that pesticides can pose health risks to children, such as impaired cognitive skills, fatigue, burns, elevated rates of childhood leukemia, soft tissue sarcoma, and brain cancer. Pesticides can be absorbed from exposure through skin contact, inhalation, or ingestion. One recent study showed that after a single broadcast use of chlorpyrifos, a pesticide commonly used in schools, the chemical remained on children's toys and hard surfaces for two weeks, resulting in exposure 21–119 times above the current recommended safe dose.

Last year, I requested that the General Accounting Office review the federal requirements that govern the use of pesticides in schools and the existence of data on the use and incidences of illnesses related to exposure. In January when I released the GAO report, "Use, Effects, and Alternatives to Pes-

ticides in Schools," I noted that its results underscore the lack of both comprehensive information about the amount of pesticides used in our nation's schools, and data on whether pesticide exposure is adversely affecting our children's health.

In January, I called on Administrator Browner to task her agency to take immediate steps to protect children from exposure to pesticides in schools, including providing guidance to applicators and school districts on the relative exposures of different application methods, taking action to appropriately label pesticides that are being used in school environments, and consider conducting a full-scale statistical survey on the use of pesticides in schools to determine whether risks are posed to children by pesticides through cumulative exposure.

Ultimately, these measures all would lead to better information about the risks of pesticide exposure to children. However, we also need to act now to help parents protect their children in the interim. In 1999, Connecticut passed a bill requiring schools to create registries of parents who wish to be informed prior to school use of pesticides. Several other states have taken similar action. However, parents in many states still do not have access to information about when and what pesticides are being used in their children's schools. Senator BOXER's amendment would remedy this problem by ensuring that all parents receive advance notification before toxic pesticides are applied on school or day care center grounds.

In addition to supporting Senator BOXER's notification amendment, I am a cosponsor of Senator TORRICELLI's School Environment Protection Act of 1999, or SEPA, which is currently before the Agriculture Committee. In addition to recognizing the need for parental notification before pesticides are used in schools, SEPA would create a national requirement that when pesticides are used in schools, only the safest methods are followed in order to protect children. I recently visited a school system in Cheshire, Connecticut, that has very successfully implemented these methods, known as Integrated Pest Management, or IPM. The Cheshire school system works closely with local contractors, who carry out monthly visual inspections of the schools, use least toxic pesticides when required, and apply them after hours and after contacting the school nurse. SEPA would require that, like the Cheshire schools, schools nationwide ensure that pesticides are applied safely and only when alternatives have failed.

I am pleased to be able to support Senator BOXER today in her effort to help parents protect their children by reducing their exposure to potentially harmful pesticides. And I hope that

there will be further opportunities to discuss the important issue of decreasing children's exposure to pesticides in schools.●

##### HONORING MR. JACK BUTCHER OF LOOGOOTEE, INDIANA

• Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today not only on my own behalf but also on behalf of my senior colleague, Senator RICHARD LUGAR, to honor a fellow Hoosier, Mr. Jack Butcher. Mr. President, as you know, the game of basketball is synonymous with the great state of Indiana. Our affection for the game goes much deeper than the sport itself. We love the game of basketball because of the values that it instills: spirit, teamwork, dedication, and most important, hard work.

We rise today to honor Coach Jack Butcher of Loogootee, Indiana, for his great success in the game of basketball, and for his outstanding service and contributions off the court. Coach Butcher has spent the last 43 years of his life coaching, teaching and influencing the young men and women of Loogootee High School. He has taught countless students lessons about hard work and dedication that one cannot learn from a book.

On December 28, 1999, Mr. Butcher achieved a remarkable milestone in Indiana basketball history, winning his 760th career game, and becoming the all-time winningest coach in Indiana high school basketball history. Mr. President, once again, Senator LUGAR and I would like to commend Coach Jack Butcher for his outstanding contributions both on and off the hardwood. His legacy will be permanently embedded in the record books and in the hearts and minds of the people of Loogootee.●

##### 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-7856. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor, Employment and Training, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unemployment Insurance Program Letter No. 3-95, Change 3", received March 2, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7857. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1999 annual report relative to the Department's prison impact assessment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7858. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1998 annual report relative to the National Institute of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7859. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative

and Public Affairs, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on economic conditions in Egypt, 1998-99; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7860. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to military construction and related activities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7861. A communication from the Director, Federal Register transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prices, Availability and Official Status of Federal Register Publications" (RIN3095-ZA02), received March 2, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7862. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of the Franklin, PA Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area" (RIN3206-AJ00), received March 2, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7863. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7864. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to fiscal year 2001 appropriations for certain maritime and other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7865. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Central Aleutian District and Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands", received February 25, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7866. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Trawling in Stellar Sea Lion Critical Habitat in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands", received March 2, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7867. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of a Closure (Opens Directed Fishing for Pacific Cod in the Western and Central Regulatory Area in the Gulf of Alaska)", received March 2, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7868. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1998 Biennial Regulatory Review—Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Amateur Service Rules" (WT Docket No. 98-143, FCC 99-412), received March 2, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7869. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, -200, and -300 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-366 (2-29/3-2)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0124), received March 2, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7870. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appliance Labeling Rule, 16 CFR, Part 305" (RIN3084-AA74), received March 6, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7871. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the feasibility and advisability of offering chiropractic health care within the Military Health System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7872. A communication from the Director, Financial Management, General Accounting Office transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1999 annual report of the Comptrollers' General Retirement System; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7873. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tentative Differential Earnings Rate" (Notice 2000-16), received March 28, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7874. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the danger pay rate for Montenegro; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7875. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to License Exception CTP" (RIN0694-AC14), received March 3, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7876. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Design Considerations Handbook" (DOE HDBK 1132-99), received March 2, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7877. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Integrated Safety Management Systems Verification Team Leader's Handbook" (DOE HDBK 3027-99), received March 2, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7878. 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 "Bentazon; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL #6492-7), received March 3, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7879. 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 "Diclosulam; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL #6492-3), received March 3, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7880. 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 "Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Arkansas" (Docket #97-108-2), received March 3, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7881. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Abnormal Occurrences Fiscal Year 1999"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7882. A communication from the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to funding for the response to the emergency declared as a result of the severe fires in California; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7883. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a draft of proposed legislation relative to appropriations for fiscal year 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### 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-421. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Buffalo, NY relative to the proposed Great Lakes Grant Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-422. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa relative to the lower Des Moines River; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

Whereas, the lower Des Moines River is one of the most important natural resources in southeast Iowa; and

Whereas, the lower Des Moines River is impacted by the reservoir at Lake Red Rock; and

Whereas, the United States Corps of Engineers is responsible for the management of the reservoir; and

Whereas, the last management plan was put into effect for the reservoir at Lake Red Rock in 1993; and

Whereas, the management plan has had a tremendous impact on the lower Des Moines River, concerning both water quality and recreation; and

Whereas, there seems to be an adverse impact on the environment due to the present management plan of Red Rock Reservoir: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Iowa General Assembly requests the United States Corps of Engineers to conduct a new study regarding the management of the lower Des Moines River; and be it further*

*Resolved, That copies of this Concurrent Resolution be sent by the Secretary of the Senate to the members of Iowa's delegation, to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, and to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.*

POM-423. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota relative to railroad cars and railroad