

events of World War I and the subsequent period of recovery, the plight of the Armenian people went unanswered.

Today, this tragic episode in history serves to unite the Armenian people as they struggle to build an independent nation committed to democracy and peace in the Caucasus region. Despite the unresolved conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh, the ongoing blockade by Turkey and the violent attack on the Armenian Parliament last October, Armenians continue to build on these principles. It is this indomitable spirit that has kept the hope of Armenians alive through centuries of persecution.

The madness and cruelty which led to the tragic events of the Armenian genocide are not forgotten. Last year, when hundreds fled their homes in Kosovo, fearing for their lives, America and its NATO allies reacted quickly and decisively. We, as a nation, must continue to respond to such acts of oppression so that the deaths of all victims of hatred and prejudice are not in vain.

Therefore, on the 85th anniversary of the terrible tragedy of the Armenian

genocide we remember the past and rededicate ourselves to supporting Armenia as it looks to the future.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, April 25, 2000, the Federal debt stood at \$5,714,809,510,973.78 (Five trillion, seven hundred fourteen billion, eight hundred nine million, five hundred ten thousand, nine hundred seventy-three dollars and seventy-eight cents).

Five years ago, April 25, 1995, the Federal debt stood at \$4,842,768,000,000 (Four trillion, eight hundred forty-two billion, seven hundred sixty-eight million).

Ten years ago, April 25, 1990, the Federal debt stood at \$3,059,578,000,000 (Three trillion, fifty-nine billion, five hundred seventy-eight million).

Fifteen years ago, April 25, 1985, the Federal debt stood at \$1,731,602,000,000 (One trillion, seven hundred thirty-one billion, six hundred two million).

Twenty-five years ago, April 25, 1975, the Federal debt stood at

\$514,706,000,000 (Five hundred fourteen billion, seven hundred six million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,200,103,510,973.78 (Five trillion, two hundred billion, one hundred three million, five hundred ten thousand, nine hundred seventy-three dollars and seventy-eight cents) during the past 25 years.

SENATE QUARTERLY MAIL COSTS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, in accordance with section 318 of Public Law 101-520 as amended by Public Law 103-283, I am submitting the frank mail allocations made to each Senator from the appropriation for official mail expenses and a summary tabulation of Senate mass mail costs for the first quarter of FY2000 to be printed in the RECORD. The first quarter of FY2000 covers the period of October 1, 1999, through December 31, 1999. The official mail allocations are available for franked mail costs, as stipulated in Public Law 106-57, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act of 2000.

SENATE QUARTERLY MASS MAIL VOLUMES AND COSTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DEC. 31, 1999

| Senators | FY2000 official mail allocation | Total pieces | Pieces per capita | Total cost | Cost per capita |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Abraham | \$114,766 | 0 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| Akaka | 35,277 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Allard | 65,146 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Ashcroft | 79,102 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Baucus | 34,375 | 2,440 | 0.00305 | 1,950.86 | \$0.00244 |
| Bayh | 80,377 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Bennett | 42,413 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Biden | 32,277 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Bingaman | 42,547 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Bond | 79,102 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Boxer | 305,476 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Breaux | 66,941 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Brownback | 50,118 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Bryan | 43,209 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Bunning | 63,969 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Burns | 34,375 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Byrd | 43,239 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Campbell | 65,146 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Chafee, Lincoln | 34,703 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Cleland | 97,682 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Cochran | 51,320 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Collins | 38,329 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Conrad | 31,320 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Coverdell | 97,682 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Craig | 36,491 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Crapo | 36,491 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Daschle | 32,185 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| DeWine | 131,970 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Dodd | 56,424 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Domenici | 42,547 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Dorgan | 31,320 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Durbin | 130,125 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Edwards | 103,736 | 508 | 0.00008 | 408.05 | 0.00006 |
| Enzi | 30,044 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Feingold | 74,483 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Feinstein | 305,476 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Fitzgerald | 130,125 | 688 | 0.00006 | 225.10 | 0.00002 |
| Frist | 78,239 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Gorton | 81,115 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Graham | 185,464 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Gramm | 205,051 | 1,421 | 0.00008 | 309.89 | 0.00002 |
| Grams | 69,241 | 57,346 | 0.01311 | 31,583.87 | 0.00722 |
| Grassley | 52,904 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Gregg | 36,828 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Hagel | 40,964 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Harkin | 52,904 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Hatch | 42,413 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Helms | 103,736 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Hollings | 62,273 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Hutchinson | 51,203 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Hutchinson | 205,051 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Inhofe | 58,884 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Inouye | 35,277 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Jeffords | 31,251 | 33,878 | 0.06020 | 10,220.91 | 0.01816 |
| Johnson | 32,185 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Kennedy | 82,915 | 802 | 0.00013 | 272.64 | 0.00005 |
| Kerrey | 40,964 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Kerry | 82,915 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Kohl | 74,483 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Kyl | 71,855 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |

SENATE QUARTERLY MASS MAIL VOLUMES AND COSTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DEC. 31, 1999—Continued

| Senators | FY2000 official mail allo- cation | Total pieces | Pieces per capita | Total cost | Cost per capita |
|---------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Landrieu | 66,941 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Lautenberg | 97,508 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Leahy | 31,251 | 5,411 | 0.00962 | 1,456.55 | 0.00259 |
| Levin | 114,766 | 3,013 | 0.00032 | 608.87 | 0.00007 |
| Lieberman | 56,424 | 703 | 0.00021 | 655.20 | 0.00020 |
| Lincoln | 51,203 | 1,317 | 0.00056 | 1,236.67 | 0.00053 |
| Lott | 51,320 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Lugar | 80,377 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Mack | 185,464 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| McCain | 71,855 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| McConnell | 63,969 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Mikulski | 73,160 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Moyihan | 184,012 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Murkowski | 31,184 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Murray | 81,115 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Nickles | 58,884 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Reed | 34,703 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Reid | 43,209 | 1,097 | 0.00091 | 898.20 | 0.00075 |
| Robb | 89,627 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Roberts | 50,118 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Rockefeller | 43,239 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Roth | 32,277 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Santorum | 139,016 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Sarbanes | 73,160 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Schumer | 184,012 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Sessions | 68,176 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Shelby | 68,176 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Smith, Gordon | 58,557 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Smith, Robert | 36,828 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Snowe | 38,329 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Specter | 139,016 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Stevens | 31,184 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Thomas | 30,044 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Thompson | 78,239 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Thurmond | 62,273 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Torricelli | 97,508 | 2,602 | 0.00034 | 1,387.69 | 0.00018 |
| Voinovich | 131,970 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Warner | 89,627 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Wellstone | 69,241 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Wyden | 58,557 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 |
| Totals | 7,594,942 | 111,226 | 0.08868 | 51,214.50 | 0.03227 |

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE LEGEND OF
CASEY JONES

● Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge the historical significance of April 30th to the State of Tennessee and the Nation. Casey Jones, a legendary Tennessee railroad engineer, made history when his engine collided with another train on April 30, 1900. Casey's infamous ride and his selfless actions to save the lives of innocent bystanders have been lauded in folk music and drama throughout the past century. It is in his memory and the spirit of his efforts that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Casey Jones' bravery and heroism.

Americans have been fascinated by the life of Casey Jones not merely for his heroism but also for his personification of the American dream. Casey's legendary life is a universal tale, and one that was guided by the foundations of this great nation: diligence, perseverance, determination, and sacrifice. Casey began as a cub operator for the railroads, then worked as a fireman, and eventually became an engineer in 1891, an accomplishment that was rarely seen in those days. He moved his family anywhere he could find employment, but he never neglected his role as a caring father and devoted husband. Casey had a reputation as a trusted and capable engineer, and he soon found

himself in charge of regularly scheduled passenger trains.

On the night of April 29, 1900, Casey departed Memphis aboard Engine 382 with six passenger cars one hour and thirty-five minutes late. Protocol demanded that engineers make their arrival time regardless of the tardiness of their departure. Casey was renowned throughout the region for his ability to make time, and he was doing an excellent job until he arrived at Vaughn Station, only eleven miles from his final destination. While attempting to maintain his scheduled arrival, Casey missed a flag signal warning that a freight train was still on the tracks ahead of him. Casey's engine collided with the caboose, but instead of abandoning his engine as instructed, he stayed behind in the hope that the lives of his passengers could be saved. Due to Casey's heroic attempts to stop and slow the train, none of Casey's passengers were injured and he was the only one killed in the crash.

Throughout this year, Casey Jones' hometown of Jackson, Tennessee, will celebrate the centennial of his gallant ride and recognize his contributions to American history. The events will culminate on the anniversary of the crash with a celebration sponsored by the Casey Jones Village, the Casey Jones Home and Railroad Museum, and the City of Jackson. I encourage everyone to take part in these events and remember the legacy of Casey Jones—an American folk hero.●

ARIAIL PULITZER NOD

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, it is an honor for me to recognize one of South Carolina's most talented journalists, Robert Ariail, who was recently selected as one of the three finalists for the Pulitzer Prize in editorial cartooning. This is the second time he has made the Pulitzer shortlist, having also been a 1995 finalist. Since joining The State newspaper in Columbia, SC in 1984, Mr. Ariail has informed and charmed South Carolina readers with a collection of original, insightful and finely-crafted cartoons. Having been a subject of his satire, I can personally attest to his talent. His work has earned him numerous national and international awards including the Overseas Press Club's Thomas Nast Award, the National Headliner Award and the national Sigma Delta Chi Award. I have faith that three times will be the charm for Robert Ariail and the Pulitzer; this prestigious award could not go to a more deserving person.●

THE 150TH BIRTHDAY OF GRAND
RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, which on May 1, 2000, will celebrate its 150th birthday. Residents of the city have been invited to commemorate the occasion with Mayor John Logie at the Grand Rapids Sesquicentennial Community Party, an event which will highlight the growth