THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, July 11, 2001, the Federal debt stood at $5,789,734,137,960.57, five trillion, three hundred sixty billion, nine hundred billion, one hundred twenty-six billion, eighty-six billion, one million, six hundred fifty million.

Five years ago, July 11, 1996, the Federal debt stood at $3,152,640,000,000, five trillion, one hundred fifty-two billion, six hundred forty million.

Ten years ago, July 11, 1991, the Federal debt stood at $3,538,904,000,000, three trillion, five hundred thirty-eight billion, nine hundred forty million.

Fifteen years ago, July 11, 1986, the Federal debt stood at $2,068,672,000,000, two trillion, sixty-eight billion, six hundred seventy-two million.

In fifteen years, the Federal debt has increased by $3,720,022,000,000, or $248,001,473 per day.

The additional $248,001,473 per day represents the average cost of a portable toilet.

I commend the Knights of Columbus for rewarding students who plaud the efforts of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2048.

TRIBUTE TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROCHESTER COUNCIL NO. 2048

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Les and Marilyn Gordon, owners of The Candlelile Inn in Bradford, NH, on being named as Inn of the Year by the Complete Guide to Bed & Breakfast Inns and Guesthouses in the United States, Canada and Worldwide. Built in 1897, The Candlelile Inn has provided a relaxing atmosphere for visiting the man and women of the community. The Gordons purchased the Inn in 1993, and have successfully continued the tradition of accommodating the needs of discriminating travelers touring the Lake Sunapee Region. Throughout the year The Candlelile Inn hosts special weeks for their guests to enjoy including: Currier & Ives Maple Sugar Weekend in March, Old Glory Heritage Tours in July, August and September, Foliage Midweek Getaways in September and October, and Murder Mystery Parties throughout the year.

I commend Les and Marilyn for the economic contributions they have made to the hospitality and tourism industries in our state. The citizens of Bradford, New Hampshire, have benefited from their dedication to quality and service at The Candlelile Inn. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY’S LIVING LEGENDS TOUR

Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Ford Motor Company’s Living Legend Tour featuring the new 2002 Thunderbird and the Mustang Bullitt GT. These Ford vehicles will drive across Missouri from July 18-20, allowing Missourians to view them. Ford Motor Company and its employees, including those of the United Auto Workers, have been instrumental in keeping Missouri’s economy strong and our communities prosperous. More than 8,000 Missourians are employed in Ford assembly plants, credit locations, and dealerships across the state. We are gifted to have the encouragement and support of an organization which recognizes the qualities of hard work, perseverance and dedication. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.

HONORING INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI AS AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY

Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, I am proud to take this opportunity to honor a very special place in Missouri. On Saturday, June 23rd, Independence, MO, the hometown of Harry S. Truman, was selected as an All-American City. The All-American City Competition is the Nation’s oldest award for civic accomplishment. The winning city is blessed to have the encouragement and support of an organization which recognizes the qualities of hard work and the generosity of Ford’s Missouri employees. Thank you to all Ford employees across the State for making me proud to be a Missourian.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages...