THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, July 11, 2001, the Federal debt stood at $5,709,734,137,996.57, five trillion, seven hundred ninety-six billion, nine hundred ninety-six million, five hundred seventy-two thousand, which reflects a debt increase of more than $3.5 trillion. $3,640,702,137,996.57, three trillion, six hundred forty billion, seven hundred ninety-six million, five hundred thirty-six billion, nine hundred four million.

Ten years ago, July 11, 1991, the Federal debt stood at $3,536,904,000,000, three trillion, five hundred thirty-six billion, nine hundred four million.

Fifteen years ago, July 11, 1986, the Federal debt stood at $2,068,672,000,000, two trillion, sixty-eight billion, six hundred sixty-one million, three hundred ninety-one thousand, nine hundred sixty-one dollars and fifty-seven cents during the past 15 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROCHESTER COUNCIL NO. 2048

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2048 of Rochester, NH, on the creation of the successful Future Unlimited Banquet Program. Future Unlimited is an annual event which recognizes the Valedictorians and Salutatorians from eight high schools in the Seacoast region of New Hampshire.

The eight high schools represented in the program include: St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Berwick, ME, Dover High School, Somersworth High School, Farmington High School, Nute High School, Alton High School, Kingswood Regional High School and Spaulding High School.

I commend the Knights of Columbus Rochester Council for their recognition of the scholastic achievements of the high school seniors in the Seacoast region. As a former schoolteacher, I applaud the efforts of the Knights of Columbus for rewarding students who have established goals and high standards of excellence in their academic, extracurricular and civic endeavors.

The Knights of Columbus Rochester Council No. 2048 have served the citizens of Rochester and our state with pride and honor. The young men and women in the Seacoast region are blessed 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.

TRIBUTE TO LES AND MARILYN GORDON

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Les and Marilyn Gordon, owners of The Candlelite Inn in Bradford, NH, on being named 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 Candlelite Inn has provided a relaxing atmosphere for visiting the man and women. 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 Candlelite 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, and New Hampshire, have benefitted from their dedication to quality and service at The Candlelite 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 the women 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 with a strong automotive industry in both the Kansas City and St. Louis areas.

In addition, at each stop along this tour, Ford is raising money for the Missouri Children’s Trust Fund, which is a nonprofit organization started by the state legislature in 1983. This organization provides education and training to reduce abusive situations for children, while creating a friendly environment for them to thrive.

I am very pleased to welcome this automobile tour to Missouri to demonstrate the quality of these vehicles and highlight the 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.

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 22nd, 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 epitomizes the unlimited possibilities of exemplary grass-roots problem solving.

A 51-member delegation of business interests, community leaders, and non-profit organizations came together to lead Independence in the competition. While community partnerships are sprouting up in cities across America, Independence is in a league of its own. Under the leadership of Mayor Ron Stewart, Independence has achieved a real sense of unity and community. So many different entities with widely divergent interests were recognized for their ability to successfully work together when faced with civic challenges.

Independence’s winning presentation, appropriately themed “Together We Can,” highlighted recent citywide improvements such as cleaning up the historic Truman district, a sales tax approved by the voters to repair streets and parks, and the William Chrisman High School program which involved youth in public service programs. Furthermore, even Independence’s physical presence at the competition was a united effort. Community groups worked together to raise funds to pay for the trip and prepare the presentation. This truly exceptional community certainly deserves its prestigious recognition as an All-American City.

Congratulations to Mayor Ron Stewart, participation coordinator Larry Kaufman, the delegation, and the residents of Independence. Your passionate work epitomizes the unlimited possibilities of cooperation. Thank you 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
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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Nieland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2216) an Act making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. Young of Florida, Mr. Lewis of California, Mr. Rogers of Kentucky, Mr. Skeen of North Carolina, Mr. Walsh of Maryland, Mr. Taylor of North Carolina, Mr. Hoibson of Idaho, Mr. Istook of Oklahoma, Mr. Bonilla of Texas, Mr. Knollenberg of Michigan, Mr. Dickens of Maryland, Mr. Hooyer of Maryland, Mr. Mollohan of West Virginia, Ms. Kaptur of Ohio, Ms. Pelosi of California, and Mr. Davis of Florida.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2330. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 303(a) of Public Law 106–286, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. Levin of Michigan, Ms. Kaptur of Ohio, Ms. Pelosi of California, and Mr. Davis of Florida.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of the following bill, which was ordered placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2311. An act making appropriations to energy and water for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and other purposes.

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–2759. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General of the Office of Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–2760. A communication from the Director of the Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to consolidated financial statements with supplementary information for 1999 and 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–2761. A communication from the National Treasurer of the Navy Wives Clubs of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to financial statement, for Fiscal Year 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–2762. A communication from the Federal Co-Chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period beginning October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–2763. A communication from the Acting Inspector General of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period beginning October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–2764. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report on Performance and Accountability for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–2765. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–2766. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–2767. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–2768. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–2769. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Materials Plans for Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–2770. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Legislation, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Garnishment of Pay of Naval Military and Civilian Personnel for Collection of Child Support and Alimony" (RIN0703–AA68) received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–2771. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Applicable to the Public" (RIN0703–AA62) received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–2772. A communication from the Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Garnishment of Pay of Naval Military and Civilian Personnel for Collection of Child Support and Alimony" (RIN0703–AA68) received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–2773. A communication from the Head of Regulations and Legislation, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Garnishment of Pay of Naval Military and Civilian Personnel for Collection of Child Support and Alimony" (RIN0703–AA68) received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–2774. A communication from the Head of Regulations and Legislation, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule Applicable to the Public" (RIN0703–AA62) received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–2775. A communication from the Inspector General of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Availability of Department of the Navy Records and Publication of Department of the Navy Documents Affecting the Public" (RIN0703–AA68) received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–2776. A communication from the Head of Regulations and Legislation, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application Guidelines for Archeological Research Permits on Ship and Aircraft Wrecks Under the Jurisdiction of the Department of the Navy" (RIN0703–AA57) received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–2777. A communication from the Head of Regulations and Legislation, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule Applicable to the Public" (RIN0703–AA69) received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–2778. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule Applicable to the Public" (RIN0703–AA62) received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–2779. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application Guidelines for Archeological Research Permits on Ship and Aircraft Wrecks Under the Jurisdiction of the Department of the Navy" (RIN0703–AA57) received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.