THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, July 11, 2001, the Federal debt stood at $5,709,374,137,996.57, five trillion, seven hundred thirty-four billion, one hundred thirty-seven thousand, nine hundred ninety-six dollars and fifty-seven cents.

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 $3,536,904,000,000, 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 two million.

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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 Candlelille 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 Candlelille Inn has been a relaxing atmosphere for visitors since then. 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 Candlelille 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.

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY’S LIVING LEGENDS TOUR

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EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.