

generous company contributions. Indeed, Mr. Gatt and the MGM Grand were ahead of their time.

The Las Vegas resorts of Caesar's Place and Circus Circus Hotels soon followed suit. Today, 401(k) plans are an almost standard part of benefit packages for employees. According to Cerrulli & Associates, a marketing and research firm, there were 330,000 401(k) plans in the United States during the last quarter of 1999 in which \$2.7 trillion were invested. The creation of this now universally accepted and acclaimed program is a considerable credit to the State of Nevada, the gaming industry for being the first employer participants, and Joe Gatt for his insight and vision. On behalf of the citizens of Nevada and all Americans, I congratulate Mr. Gatt on this achievement and wish him continued success. ●

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.)

REPORT ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S FISCAL YEAR 2001 BUDGET REQUEST ACT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 121

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 202(c) of the District of Columbia Financial Management and Responsibility Assistance Act of 1995 and section 446 of the District of Columbia Self-Governmental Reorganization Act as amended in 1989, I am transmitting the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request Act.

The proposed FY 2001 Budget reflects the major programmatic objectives of the Mayor, the Council of the District of Columbia, and the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority. For FY 2001, the District estimates revenue of \$5.718 billion and total expenditures of \$5.714 billion, resulting in a budget surplus of \$4.128 million.

My transmittal of the District of Columbia's budget, as required by law, does not represent an endorsement of its contents.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 20, 2000.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1102. An act to provide for pension reform, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4118. An act to prohibit the rescheduling or forgiveness of any outstanding bilateral debt owed to the United States by the Government of the Russian Federation until the President certifies to the Congress that the Government of the Russian Federation has ceased all its operations at, removed all personnel from, and permanently closed the intelligence facility at Lourdes, Cuba.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4577) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. PORTER, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. OBEY, Mr. HOYER, Ms. PELOSI, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

At 1:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4810) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated.

H.R. 4118. An act to prohibit the rescheduling or forgiveness of any outstanding bilateral debt owed to the United States by the Government of the Russian Federation until the President certifies to the Congress that the Government of the Russian Federation has ceased all its operation at, removed all personnel from, and permanently closed the intelligence facility at Lourdes, Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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-9834. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives:

Airbus Model 300-600 Series Airplanes; docket no. 98-NM-164 [6-19/6-22]" (RIN2120-AA64 (2000-0341)) received on June 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9835. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: SAAB Model SAAB SF340A and 340B Series Airplanes; docket no. 2000-NM-25 [6-19/6-22]" (RIN2120-AA64 (2000-0342)) received on June 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9836. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes; docket no. 2000-NM-78 [6-19/6-22]" (RIN2120-AA64 (2000-0343)) received on June 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9837. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 767 Series Airplanes; docket no. 99-NM-182 [6-19/6-22]" (RIN2120-AA64 (2000-0344)) received on June 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9838. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Dassault Model Falcon 2000 Mystere-Falcon 900 Falcon 900EX Fan Jet Falcon Mystere series Airplanes; docket no. 2000-NM-56 [6-15/6-22]" (RIN2120-AA64 (2000-0336)) received on June 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9839. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Saab Model SAAB SF340A and 340B Series Airplanes; docket no. 99-NM-51 [6-15/6-22]" (RIN2120-AA64 (2000-0337)) received on June 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9840. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A330 and A340 Series Airplanes; docket no. 2000-NM-64 [6-15/6-22]" (RIN2120-AA64 (2000-0338)) received on June 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9841. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: P & W PW4000 Series Turbofan Engines; docket no. 98-ANE-66 [6-15/6-22]" (RIN2120-AA64 (2000-0339)) received on June 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9842. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Fireworks Display, Pier 54, Hudson River New York (CGD01-00-145)" (RIN2115-AA97 (2000-0032)) received on June 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9843. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of