

the United States as he will be required to work with approximately 120 different nations and multinational organizations in promoting international security by assuring our allies have access to modern and effective equipment and systems. I have every confidence that he will discharge the duties of his new job with the same ability, dedication, and professionalism as he has done throughout his career, and especially as he did as Chief of Army Legislative Liaison.

I am certain that my colleagues on the Senate Armed Services Committee and throughout the Senate join me in applauding the work of General Scott and in thanking him for his tireless efforts in working with us for the benefit of our Army and soldiers. I look forward to continuing to monitor the career of General Scott, and I predict that he will continue to achieve great things for many years to come.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, September 29, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,645,399,491,050.88 (Five trillion, six hundred forty-five billion, three hundred ninety-nine million, four hundred ninety-one thousand, fifty dollars and eighty-eight cents).

One year ago, September 29, 1998, the Federal debt stood at \$5,523,786,000,000 (Five trillion, five hundred twenty-three billion, seven hundred eighty-six million).

Five years ago, September 29, 1994, the Federal debt stood at \$4,669,823,000,000 (Four trillion, six hundred sixty-nine billion, eight hundred twenty-three million).

Ten years ago, September 29, 1989, the Federal debt stood at \$2,857,431,000,000 (Two trillion, eight hundred fifty-seven billion, four hundred thirty-one million) which reflects a doubling of the debt—an increase of almost \$3 trillion—\$2,787,968,491,050.88 (Two trillion, seven hundred eighty-seven billion, nine hundred sixty-eight million, four hundred ninety-one thousand, fifty dollars and eighty-eight cents) during the past 10 years.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11 a.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. 2506. An act to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

H.R. 2559. An act to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, and for other purposes.

At 6:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Berry, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2981. An act to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through March 31, 2000.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2506. An act to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research; to the Committee of Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2559. An act to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of the following measure which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. 1515. A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 30, 1999, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 249. An act to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for 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-5459. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Plan for Health Care Services for Gulf War Veterans"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5460. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, transmitting a report relative to the proposed "Air Transportation Improvement Act"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5461. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the tar, nicotine, and carbon monoxide content of the smoke of domestic cigarettes sold in 1996 and 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5462. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Federal Enforcement in Group and Individual Health Insurance Markets (HCFA-2019-IFC)" (RIN0938-AJ48), received September 22, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5463. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice—Labeling of Hard Cider; Treasury Decision—Hard Cider: Postponement of Labeling Compliance Date" (RIN1512-AB71), received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5464. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coastal Zone Consistency Review of Exploration Plans and Development and Production Plans" (RIN1010-AC42), received September 27, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5465. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled "Notice of EPA Policy Regarding Certain Grants to Intertribal Consortia", received September 27, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5466. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Difluzeturon; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL #6382-1), received September 24, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5467. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pymetrozine; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL #6385-6), received September 24, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5468. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tebufenozide; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL #6383-6), received September 24, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 858. A bill to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to extend coverage under the whistleblower protection provisions of the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to personnel of the courts of the District of Columbia (Rept. No. 106-167).

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. 1672. An original bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish a program of mandatory market reporting for certain meat packers regarding the prices, quantities, and terms of sale for the procurement of cattle, swine, lambs, and products of such livestock, to improve the collection of