

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 discharge 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 "Diflufenuron; 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

information regarding the marketing of cattle, swine, lambs, and products of such livestock, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-168).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, for the Committee on the Judiciary:

Robert Raben, of Florida, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Andrew Fois, resigned.

Robert S. Mueller, III, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California for a term of four years.

John Hollingsworth Sinclair, of Vermont to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont for the term of four years.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

By Mr. LOTT for Mr. MCCAIN, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Thomas B. Leary, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 1998.

Stephen D. Van Beek, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

Michael J. Frazier, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, vice Steven O. Palmer.

Gregory Rohde, of North Dakota, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

Linda Joan Morgan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2003.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicted under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh)David S. Belz, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh)James S. Carmichael, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh)Roy J. Casto, 0000
Rear Adm. (lh)James A. Kinghorn, Jr., 0000
Rear Adm. (lh)Erroll M. Brown, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicted under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Ralph D. Utley, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard Reserve to the grade indicted under Title 10, United States Code, Section 12203:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh)Carlton D. Moore, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard Reserve to the grade indicted under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Mary P. O'Donnell, 0000

The following named officer of the United States Coast Guard to be a member of the Permanent Commissioned Teaching Staff of

the Coast Guard Academy in the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 188:

To be lieutenant commander

Kurt A. Sebastian, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicted under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Vivien S. Crea, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicted under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Kenneth T. Venuto, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicted under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. James W. Underwood, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicted under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. James C. Olson, 0000

Mr. LOTT for Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I report favorably nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated at the end of the days Senate proceedings, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 83 nominations beginning Donald A. Dreves, and ending Kevin V. Werner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 1999

Coast Guard 42 nominations beginning Ernest J. Fink, and ending William J. Wagner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CLELAND:

S. 1669. A bill to require country of origin labeling of peanuts and peanut products and to establish penalties for violations of the labeling requirements; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. MACK):

S. 1670. A bill to revise the boundary of Fort Matanzas National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 1671. A bill to reform the financing of Federal elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LUGAR:

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 information regarding the marketing of cattle, swine, lambs, and products of such livestock, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DeWINE (for himself, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1673. A bill to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, to protect unborn victims of violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1674. A bill to promote small schools and smaller learning communities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 1675. A bill to provide for school dropout prevention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1676. A bill to improve accountability for schools and local educational agencies under part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 1677. A bill to establish a child centered program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CLELAND (for himself and Mr. COVERDELL):

S. Res. 192. A resolution extending birthday greetings and best wishes to Jimmy Carter in recognition of his 75th birthday; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DODD:

S. Res. 193. A resolution to reauthorize the Jacob K. Javits Senate Fellowship Program; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. Con. Res. 58. A concurrent resolution urging the United States to seek a global consensus supporting a moratorium on tariffs and on special, multiple and discriminatory taxation of electronic commerce; to the Committee on Finance.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CLELAND:

S. 1669. A bill to require country of origin labeling of peanuts and peanut products and to establish penalties for violations of the labeling requirements; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

THE PEANUT LABELING ACT OF 1999

Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I am coming to the floor today to introduce the Peanut Labeling Act of 1999. This bill will require country of origin labeling for all peanut and peanut products sold in the United States; specifically