

As of the close of business yesterday, Monday, April 24, the Federal debt stood—down to the penny—at exactly \$4,839,548,467,525.15 or \$18,371.01 for every man, woman, and child on a per capita basis.

#### A NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I commend Americans who are participating in the National Day of Service. Today, people all across this Nation are working together in community service. As we speak, people of all ages and backgrounds are using their hands and hearts to show their American spirit.

This day should remind us all of what it means to be an American, for today, our people are standing side by side. They are gathering, not to discuss their differences, but to pursue common goals.

Today, Americans are standing side by side immunizing infants. They are standing side by side tutoring school-age children. They are standing side by side restoring urban parks, feeding and sheltering the homeless, and rehabilitating housing and community centers. Today, we stand united as Americans.

In West Virginia, people in Braxton County will work together to create a nature trail near the Braxton County Middle School so students can learn more about their environment. In Welch, people are working to clean a vacant school so it can be converted in a facility to offer a safe shelter for victims of domestic violence by the local agency known as SAFE, Stop Abusive Family Environments. These activities for National Youth Service Day are just a few examples of important community work sponsored by the West Virginia Commission National and Community Service.

This day strikes a warm, familiar chord for me personally. From personal experience, I know the benefit of working with others to build better communities.

In 1964, the VISTA program brought me to a coal camp community in Emmons, WV. There, I followed Kennedy's call to service and worked with the people of Emmons, trying to do my small part in building a stronger community.

Together, we built a baseball field and a community center. We brought the people much needed preventative health care. We rallied to bring a schoolbus to Emmons and helped to keep Emmons' kids in school.

From personal experience, I know that community service benefits participants as much as it benefits communities. My work with VISTA taught me a very important lesson: That I can make a difference.

Today, the people of America celebrate that same lesson: Each and every American can make a difference.

Let us all be careful not to forget that important lesson at the end of the National Day of Service. Let us re-

member and reaffirm that lesson every day of the year.

Why must we remember the lesson every day of the year? The reason is simple: Community service programs work.

Just look at the resounding success of AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps gives thousands of young Americans the tools to make a difference in their own lives and in the lives of others.

AmeriCorps participants perform vital services in America. Just over 6 months ago, 85 West Virginians were sworn into AmeriCorps. Today they are working with 20,000 people nationwide to keep schools safe, restore natural resources, tutor teenagers, and more—all in exchange for education.

Programs like AmeriCorps simultaneously open doors to higher education and help build stronger communities. They allow Americans to help each other, and build trust, understanding, and hope.

Mr. President, I am proud to stand in support of the National Day of Service. I salute everyone working in community service. I congratulate each of them for making a difference.

#### TRIBUTE TO DAVID MARTIN

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to David Martin, a distinguished public servant, an inquisitive adventurer, and a uniquely warm individual.

I came to know David when he served on the staff of my father, the late Senator Thomas J. DODD. To my siblings and me, however, David Martin was much more than an employee of one of our parents. He was more like a beloved uncle and insightful teacher wrapped into one.

I recall spending a number of delightful evenings at David's home with my family engaged in stimulating conversation. One could not come away from talking with David Martin without learning something new. He was a gripping conversationalist.

He was very unassuming and did not aggressively advertise his superior knowledge. You had to probe to find that rich vein, but once you succeeded, your reward was real and immediate.

David had such a dynamic and engaging intellect that he was a magnet for some of the 20th century's foremost authors and thinkers. He counted Ralph Ellison, George Orwell, Norman Mailer, William F. Buckley, Jr., and Edward Teller among his friends.

David's biography is so varied and fascinating that it reads more like that of a protagonist in a novel than a real-life individual. He was a veteran, a war correspondent, a noted author of political science, a human rights advocate and a legislative expert. He even coordinated Richard Byrd's last expedition to the South pole. David Martin was a true renaissance man.

His three books on Yugoslavia are still required reading for anyone who wants to understand that troubled part

of the world. He was a passionate advocate for refugees, and as executive director of the Refugee Defense Committee from 1946 to 1947, he was instrumental in ending the inhumane practice of forcible repatriation of war time refugees to the Communist eastern bloc.

David was legendary in the Senate for the breadth and depth of his expertise. During the 11 years he served on my father's staff, David was a key mover behind the eventual adoption of the limited test ban treaty. He also advised my father on a range of foreign policy hot spots, from Germany to Africa, from the Dominican Republic to Southeast Asia.

After working for my father, David went on to the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he organized hearings on marijuana that are generally credited with alerting the public to the true danger of the drug.

David's first wife, Judy Asti, whom he married in 1947, died in 1971. He remarried in 1974 to Virginia Worek Levy. He is survived by Virginia, as well as his two children, Joe and Rebecca; his brother, Maurice Manson; and two stepsons, Ian and Raoul Levy.

Today we live in a better country and a better world thanks to David Martin. I think that is among the highest praise that can be given to an individual who has passed away, and in David Martin's case it is richly deserved.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF COL. CHARLES SHELTON CAPTURE IN LAOS

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, Saturday, April 29 marks the 30th anniversary of Col. Charles Shelton's capture in Southeast Asia.

Colonel Shelton grew up in my hometown, Owensboro, KY, where you could find him playing football for the high school team, courting his wife, and developing the values that would later serve him so well as he served his country.

Like so many other dedicated American soldiers, the day he left the United States to fly secret reconnaissance missions over Laos, he put his life on hold, whether that meant the dreams and ambitions of an individual life, or the simple pleasure of watching his five children grow into adults.

But, when he was shot down on April 29 and captured, the notion of putting a life on hold took on a new and horrible dimension for Colonel Shelton and his family. That's because for the next 29 years, Colonel Shelton remained an official prisoner of war—the final U.S. military personnel to be so listed by the American Government.

Because of numerous reports of sightings and escape attempts well into the 1980's, it wasn't until 1994 that his children requested the Pentagon to change his status to presumed killed in action.

While we can't begin to imagine what this wait was like for Colonel Shelton or his family, we can pay tribute to his service and to the ordeal he and his