

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Thursday, September 5, the Federal debt stood at \$5,225,564,391,083.90.

One year ago, September 5, 1995, the Federal debt stood at \$4,968,613,000,000.

Five years ago, September 5, 1991, the Federal debt stood at \$3,623,548,000,000.

Ten years ago, September 5, 1986, the Federal debt stood at \$2,112,803,000,000. This reflects an increase of more than \$3,112,761,391,083.90 during the 10 years from 1986 to 1996.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it request the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3308. An act to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit the placement of United States forces under United Nations operational or tactical control, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3719. An act to amend the Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

MEASURE REFERRED

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

H.R. 3308. An act to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit the placement of United States forces under United Nations operational or tactical control, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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-3870. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules including one entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Virginia—1990 Base Year Emission Inventory," (FRL5603-5) received on September 3, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3871. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sweet Onions Grown in the Walla Walla Valley of Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon," (FV96-956-1FR) received on August 28, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3872. A communication from the Assistant Comptroller General (Health, Education, and Human Services Division), U.S. General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "VA Health Care: Travis Hospital Construction Project Is Not Justified"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3873. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 94-10; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3874. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the notice of

a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3875. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the notice of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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EC-3879. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on property transfer; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3880. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Department of Defense Executive Skills Training Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3881. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on improved access to military health care for covered beneficiaries entitled to Medicare; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3882. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on appropriations legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-3883. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on appropriations legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-3884. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Blocked Person, Specially Designated Nationals, Specially Designated Terrorists, Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers, and Blocked Vessels; Correction and Removal of Entry," received on August 19, 1996; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3885. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Statements of Antitrust Enforcement Policy in Health"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3886. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies," (RIN1121-AA35) received on September 3, 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3887. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act Program Regulations," (RIN1121-AA38) received on September 3, 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3888. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3889. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities," (RIN2900-AE94) received on September 4, 1996; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3890. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and

Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 1996-97 Early Season," (RIN1018-AD69) received on August 27, 1996; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3891. A communication from the Office of the Assistant Secretary, Administration For Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Administration for Native Americans Appeals," (RIN0970-AB37) received on August 19, 1996; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3892. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of determinations relative to the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3893. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule concerning regulations governing book-entry treasury bonds, notes, and bills received on August 27, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3894. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Veterans' Medicare Reimbursement Model Project Act of 1996"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3895. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to distributions by U.S. corporations, (RIN1545-AU23) received on August 13, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3896. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on trade between the U.S. and China, the Successor States to the Former Soviet Union, and other Title IV Countries during January 1 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3897. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to the Medicare and Medicaid Programs, (RIN0938-AF74) received on September 4, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3898. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to the Medicare Program, (RIN0938-AH34) received on August 29, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3899. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining (Reclamation and Enforcement), Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules including a rule entitled "The Virginia Regulatory Program," (VA108FOR, OH238FOR) received on September 3, 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3900. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining (Reclamation and Enforcement), Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "The Utah Regulatory Program," (UT034) received on September 3, 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3901. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Lassen Volcanic National Park," (RIN1024-AC52) received on August 27, 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.