

old sister moves beyond fuzzy thoughts of romance inspired by *Cinderella* or *Aladdin* into sexual curiosity. "She's always talking about pee-pees, she sees somebody on TV kissing and hugging or something, and she says, 'Oh, they had sex,' I think she's going to find out about this stuff before I did." She pauses. "We don't tell my sister anything," she says, "but she's not a naive child."

Mr. BYRD. I yield the floor.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, July 22, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,536,743,281,758.09 (Five trillion, five hundred thirty-six billion, seven hundred forty-three million, two hundred eighty-one thousand, seven hundred fifty-eight dollars and nine cents).

One year ago, July 22, 1997, the federal debt stood at \$5,366,067,000,000 (Five trillion, three hundred sixty-six billion, sixty-seven million).

Five years ago, July 22, 1993, the federal debt stood at \$4,340,981,000,000 (Four trillion, three hundred forty billion, nine hundred eighty-one million).

Ten years ago, July 22, 1988, the federal debt stood at \$2,552,070,000,000 (Two trillion, five hundred fifty-two billion, seventy million) which reflects a debt increase of nearly \$3 trillion—\$2,984,673,281,758.09 (Two trillion, nine hundred eighty-four billion, six hundred seventy-three million, two hundred eighty-one thousand, seven hundred fifty-eight dollars and nine cents) during the past 10 years.

RECOGNITION OF NEWT HEISLEY

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I begin my statement today describing a powerful and emotional sight that moves us to the core of our faith and beliefs about America and about those who have served in the Armed Forces of our nation.

Many of us have visited one or more of the military academies that train our future military leaders. These academies have varied missions and yet all of them share in the critical task of developing leaders for their particular service and our country. On the grounds of each academy is a chapel, a spectacular place that at once identifies itself as a place of worship.

In each chapel, a place has been reserved for the Prisoners of War and the Missing in Action from their particular branch of service. A pew has been set aside and marked by a candle, a powerful, symbolic reminder that not all have returned from battle. This hallowed place has been set aside so that all POWs and MIAs are remembered with the dignity and honor they deserve. It is a moving and emotional moment to pause at this reserved pew, to be encouraged by the burning candle, to recall the valor and sacrifice of those soldiers, sailors or pilots, and to be inspired today by what they have done.

Back in 1970, a wife of a soldier missing in action made a simple request to have a flag designed for a small group of families whose loved ones were prisoners or missing in action in Southeast Asia. As a member of the National League of Families she felt the organization needed a symbol. This symbol, a black and white flag, with a silhouette of a bowed head set against a guard tower and a single strand of barb wire, was designed by Newt Heisley.

Congress has officially recognized the National League of Families POW/MIA flag. This flag has become a powerful symbol to all Americans that we have not forgotten—and will not forget. Since its creation, the flag has flown over numerous state and federal buildings, and has even been adopted by similar organizations in Kuwait, Chechnya, Bosnia, and other countries.

Newt Heisley made the sketch of this symbol over a couple of days in a New Jersey advertising studio, never imagining the impact the design he created almost 27 years ago would have. Mr. Heisley used the inspiration of his ill son returning from Marine training at Quantico, Virginia for the silhouette. Otherwise the flag was just a quick sketch that wasn't even supposed to be black and white. Mr. Heisley planned on adding colors but the black and white motif remained.

Mr. Heisley, first realized how popular the symbol had become when he moved to Colorado Springs in 1972. Only two years after he made the design he was touring the Air Force Academy when he saw the flag on display at the visitors center. Today, the flag is a national symbol that is seen on everything from ball caps to bumper stickers.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Heisley knows of the importance of his design. We must never forget those who gave their lives for our country. Mr. Heisley never felt the need to profit from the POW/MIA flag design. The image was never copyrighted and today is used by many companies and organizations. Mr. Heisley was simply glad to create a symbol that honors veterans and the sacrifices they made for our country and freedom.

Mr. President, the United States has fought in many wars and thousands of Americans who served in those wars were captured by the enemy or listed as missing in action. In 20th Century wars alone, more than 147,000 Americans were captured and became Prisoners of War; of that number more than 15,000 died while in captivity. When we add to this number those who are still missing in action, we realize the tremendous importance of their presence through the POW/MIA flag. The POW/MIA flag is a forceful reminder that we care not only for them, but also for their families who personally carry with them the burden of sacrifice. We want them to know that they do not stand alone, that we stand with them and beside them, and remember the loyalty and devotion of those who served.

As a veteran who served in Korea, I personally know that the remembrance of another's sacrifice in battle is one of the highest and most noble acts we can offer. Newt Heisley has inspired this remembrance and honor and I thank him, personally, for this tremendous symbol that shall endure forever.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:32 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 bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1260. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6) to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

For consideration of the House bill (except section 464), and Senate amendment (except sections 484 and 799C), and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOODLING, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. PETRI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. CLAY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. ANDREWS.

For consideration of section 464 of the House bill, and sections 484 and 799 C of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOODLING, Mr. TALENT, Mr. SHAW, Mr. CAMP, and Mr. LEVIN.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3616) to authorize appropriations for fiscal 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on National Security, for consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SPENCE, Mr. STUMP, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. KASICH, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. BUYER, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. JONES, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. RILEY, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. PICKETT, Mr.

EVANS, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. MEEHAM, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. MCHALE, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. SNYDER, and Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.

As additional conferees from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 2 of rule XLVIII: Mr. GOSS, Mr. LEWIS of California, and Mr. DICKS.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for consideration of section 1064 of the Senate amendment: Mr. LEACH, Mr. CASTLE, and Mr. LAFALCE.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of sections 601, 3136, 3151, 3154, 3201, 3401, and 3403-3407 of the House bill, and sections 321, 601, 1062, 3133, 3140, 3142, 3144, 3201, and title XXXVIII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BLILEY, Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado, and Mr. DINGELL; provided, that Mr. OXLEY is appointed in lieu of Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado for consideration of section 321 of the Senate amendment; provided further, that Mr. BILIRAKIS is appointed in lieu of Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado for consideration of section 601 of the House bill, and section 601 of the Senate amendment; provided further, that Mr. TAUZIN is appointed in lieu of Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado for consideration of section 1062 and title XXXVIII of the Senate amendment.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 361, 364, 551, and 3151 of the House bill, and sections 522, 643, and 1055 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. PETRI, Mr. RIGGS, and Mr. ROEMER.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for consideration of sections 368, 729, 1025, 1042, and 1101-1106 of the House bill, and sections 346, 623, 707, 805, 806, 813, 814, 815, 816, 1101-1105, 3142, 3144, 3145, 3161-3172 and 3510 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. MICA, and Mr. WAXMAN; provided, that Mr. HORN is appointed in lieu of Mr. MICA for consideration of section 368 of the House bill, and sections 346, 623, 707, 805, 806, 813, 814, 815, and 816 of the Senate amendment.

As additional conferees from the Committee on International Relations, for consideration of sections 233, 1021, 1043, 1044, 1201, 1204, 1205, 1201, 1211, 1213, 1216, and title XIII of the House bill, and sections 326, 332, 1013, 1041, 1042, 1074, 1084, 3506, 3601, 3602, and 3901-3904 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GILMAN, Mr. BEREUTER, and Mr. HAMILTON.

As additional conferees from the Committee on International Relations, for consideration of sections 1207, 1208, 1209, and 1212 of the House bill, and

modifications committed to conference: Mr. GILMAN, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. GEJDENSON, and Mr. LANTOS.

As additional conferees from the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 1045 and 2812 of the House bill, and section 1077 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. HYDE, Mr. BRYANT and Mr. CONYERS.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Resources, for consideration of sections 601, 2812, and 3404-3407 of the House bill, and sections 601, 2828, and title XXIX of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. TAUZIN, and Mr. MILLER of California.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Science, for consideration of sections 3135 and 3140 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. BROWN of California.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 552, 601, 1411, and 143 of the House bill, and sections 323, 601, 604, and 1080 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. BOEHLERT, and Mr. CLEMENT.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of sections 556 and 1046 of the House bill, and sections 618, 619, 644, and 1082 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of the XXXVII and XXXVIII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. CRANE, Mr. THOMAS of California, and Mr. MATSUI.

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-6126. A communication from the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Authority's report on third quarter obligations and expenditures of non-appropriated funds for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6127. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indiana Regulatory Program" (No. IN-130-FOR) received on July 21, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6128. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, certification of a proposed Manufactur-

ing License Agreement with the United Kingdom for the production of machine gun conversion kits (DTC 17-98) received on July 21, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6129. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Taiwan involving the transfer of aircraft engines to the Czech Republic (DTC 1-98) received on July 21, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6130. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Patent Fees for Fiscal Year 1999" (RIN0651-AA96) received on July 20, 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6131. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Posting of Signs and Written Notification to Purchasers of Handguns" (RIN1512-AB68) received on July 21, 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6132. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding investment advisers with principal offices and places of business in Colorado or Iowa (RIN3235-AH22) received on July 20, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6133. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules regarding the National Flood Insurance Program (Docket FEMA-7689, RIN3067-AC85) received on July 21, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6134. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's mid-year Monetary Policy Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6135. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property" (Rev. Rul. 98-36) received on July 20, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6136. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Loans With Below-Market Interest Rates" (Rev. Rul. 98-34) received on July 20, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6137. A communication from the Chief of Staff of the Office of the Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding referral of cases for quality review (RIN0960-AE53) received on July 15, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6138. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Capsaicin; Exemption from the Requirement of a tolerance" (FRL5799-7) received on July 16, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6139. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the