

WAS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE?
THE VOTERS HAVE SAID YES!

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, as of the close of business on Thursday, February 9, the Federal debt stood at \$4,803,442,790,295.83 meaning that on a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$18,233.95 as his or her share of that debt.

SENATOR FULBRIGHT

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, all of us who knew and/or served with Senator J. William Fulbright were saddened at the news of his passing. I had the privilege of serving my first 2 years in the Senate with this distinguished gentleman. He was an able U.S. Senator.

Senator Fulbright presided over the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with dignity and distinction. I join the American people in extending my deepest sympathies to his family.

TRIBUTE TO BEN R. RICH

Mr. NUNN. Mr. President, I would like for my colleagues in the Senate and my fellow citizens throughout the country to note the passing of Ben R. Rich. Ben was a long-time employee at the famed Lockheed "Skunk Works" in California.

Ben had just recently published a book, "Skunk Works: A Personal Memoir of My Years at Lockheed," with Leo Janos. This book provided us an insight into what was an outstanding career of service and dedication to having our country maintain its technological edge over any potential adversary. During his tenure at the Skunk Works from the mid-1950's until his retirement in 1991, Ben worked on a number of very important aircraft programs, such as the SR-71, the U-2, and the F-104. Perhaps his greatest contribution was to the so-called Stealth fighter program, the F-117. Ben headed the Skunk Works during the development and production of the F-117. We saw the fruits of his leadership on F-117 in the Persian Gulf war, where, more than any other system, the F-117 and its stealth gave our forces the capability to attack any of the Iraqi's highest value targets with impunity. This system is revolutionary, and Ben Rich's leadership was critical to making it a success.

Mr. President, this country will be a poorer place with his loss. We will all sorely miss Ben and his dedication to excellence. Ben Rich made a difference.

WILLIAM MC. COCHRANE:
HISTORICAL CONSULTANT

Mr. PELL. Mr. President, I am very pleased to note that William McWhorter Cochrane, who until this year was one of the Senate's most venerable staff members, is continuing his service to the legislative branch in a new capacity at the Library of Congress.

Bill Cochrane began his Senate service in 1954, thus predating all sitting Members of this body today. Over the years, he has truly become an institution in his own right.

Always faithful to his home State of North Carolina, Mr. Cochrane began his Senate career as counsel to Senator Kerr Scott, and 4 years later became administrative assistant to Senator B. Everett Jordan. In 1972, he joined the staff of the Committee on Rules and Administration, serving as staff director until 1980, a period which included my own tenure as chairman of the committee in the 95th and 96th Congresses.

One of Mr. Cochrane's special areas of interest has always been the Library of Congress, and his knowledge of that institution is encyclopedic. So it is altogether fitting that he has been named Honorary Historical Consultant to the Library, especially at this time when the Library is preparing to observe its 200th anniversary in the year 2000.

I congratulate Bill Cochrane on this occasion and I also congratulate the Librarian of Congress, Dr. James Billington, for making this appointment. I ask unanimous consent that a news release from the Library of Congress on Mr. Cochrane's appointment be printed in the RECORD at this point.

[From the Library of Congress News,
Washington, DC]

WILLIAM MCW. COCHRANE NAMED HONORARY
HISTORICAL CONSULTANT TO LIBRARY OF
CONGRESS

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington announced today the appointment of William McW. Cochrane as the Honorary Historical Consultant to the Library of Congress. Mr. Cochrane's career in the U.S. Senate spanned 40 years.

In making the announcement, Dr. Billington said, "As the Library of Congress approaches its 200th anniversary in the year 2000, we are fortunate to be able to draw on the knowledge and wisdom of this distinguished public servant. Bill's respect for and knowledge of the Congress, and of its Library, will bring a unique historical perspective to our bicentennial planning."

Following service in World War II and administrative and teaching positions at the University of North Carolina, Cochrane came to the Senate in 1954 as counsel to Senator Kerr Scott (D-N.C.). From 1958 to 1972, he served as administrative assistant to Sen. B. Everett Jordan (D-N.C.). From 1972 through the 103rd Congress, he worked for the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration as staff director from 1972-1980, as Democratic staff director from 1981-1986, and as senior advisor from 1987. In addition, he held several senior positions with the Joint Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. His work with the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, the oldest continuous joint committee of Congress, totaled more than 30 years.

Among his numerous honors, he has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for Public Service from the University of North Carolina and the 20th Annual Roll Call Congressional Staff Award. In 1992, he was one of six recipients of the State of North Carolina Award for Public Service.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT
TO THE CONSTITUTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of House Joint Resolution 1, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 1) proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The Senate resumed consideration of the joint resolution.

Pending:

Reid amendment No. 236, to protect the Social Security system by excluding the receipts and outlays of Social Security from balanced budget calculations.

Dole motion to refer H.J. Res. 1, Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment, to the Committee on the Budget, with instructions.

Dole amendment No. 237, as a substitute to the instructions (to instructions on the motion to refer H.J. Res. 1 to the Committee on the Budget).

Dole amendment No. 238 (to amendment No. 237), of a perfecting nature.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from Oregon [Mr. PACKWOOD] is recognized to speak for up to 60 minutes.

Mr. PACKWOOD. Mr. President, I had prepared over several days a speech for this morning. But because of a news article this morning on the death of Senator Fulbright the day before yesterday, I decided to change my approach and have thrown away all of the comments I was going to make. I will try to put this debate in a different light.

The Washington Post article on Senator Fulbright is well worth reading, because he was a figure of great consequence here. As we are debating this, another matter of great consequence, I look back at some of the other events that have taken place in my career on this Senate floor. I will not use Yogi Berra's famous expression, "It's déjà vu all over again," because I think a more apt expression might be Justice Holmes' comment about the law, but it really relates to all of us. He said, "The life of the law has not been logic. It has been experience."

I think, as we look at this balanced budget amendment, we are better off to look at it in the light of experience rather than the light of logic.

I mentioned Senator Fulbright because I recall in this Chamber the most extraordinary event—certainly the most extraordinary debate, but extraordinary event—that I have ever witnessed in my life.

It was an unusual situation. It was a closed session of the Senate on the debate—this was in 1969—on the anti-ballistic missile system. There were two extraordinary Senators who were