

today. Or, you can charge by phone by calling 800-547-4NRA today.

You know, besides going shooting, I love to go to football games. And every time I go, I always hear my fellow fans talk about the impact of "the 12th man."

The 11 players calling the plays and doing the hitting get a lot of their motivation from the 12th man in the stands. I'm talking about the crowd who cheers wildly when our team is on the offense, and drowns out the signals of the opposing team when they're on the defense.

I need you to be that 12th man.

I need you to sign your Petitions to Congress and return them to me today. That simple act will give our allies the political courage to do what's right, to push ahead with our agenda of Repeal, Reform and Investigate.

Likewise, your signed Petitions to Congress will confuse and demoralize the anti-gun team and their agenda of bans, taxes, intimidation, harassment and destruction of the Constitution.

I know I've said what I'm about to say before. But this is a message that resonates with NRA members across the land. It's something I hope you, too, will say whenever you have the occasion to defend our Constitutional freedoms.

This, the battle we're fighting today, is a battle to retake the most precious, most sacred ground on earth. This is a battle for freedom.

Please tell me you're ready to take the next step by returning your signed Petitions to Congress and special gift to me in the enclosed postage-paid envelope today.

Thank you, I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in Freedom,

WAYNE LAPIERRE,  
*Executive Vice President.*

P.S.—As a special thank you for making a special contribution of \$25 or more, I'd like to send you a copy of my national best-selling book, *Guns, Crime, and Freedom*. *Guns, Crime, and Freedom* is 263 pages of truth about guns, gun control, gun owners, the anti-gun media and what's happening to our freedoms.

I hope you'll read it and use it in your own personal campaign in New York to defend the Constitution. Use *Guns, Crime, and Freedom* to help you keep the pressure on Congress, write letters to the editor and teach other Americans about the battle we're fighting today. Thanks again for your support and friendship.

Mr. DODD. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

#### TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JOHN STENNIS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, Senator John Stennis will long be remembered as the "conscience of the Senate" for his personal religious convictions and his many years of work on the Senate code of ethics. I will always think of him as a friend, and as one of the most effective chairmen of the Defense Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee. We shared many of the same beliefs in that the United States should always strive for the most effective Armed Forces in the world, and his leadership was always deserving of respect and admiration.

Despite physical ailments and the death of his beloved wife of 52 years,

Senator Stennis remained committed to this body and to his countrymen. He could always be found in his offices, never leaving until the Senate had adjourned for the day. He never gave up when he believed that he was right.

We need men and women who will fight for what they believe, and we should look to John Stennis as an excellent example of the forthrightness and dedication necessary to be effective leaders today.

Since Senator Stennis retired from this body in 1989, the Senate has been denied his wisdom and his leadership. Our entire country mourns his loss.

#### KOREAN AGREED NUCLEAR FRAMEWORK

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I find myself in the unfortunate position of once more coming to the floor to briefly discuss the lack of progress being made in the implementation of the United States-North Korea Agreed Nuclear Framework.

During the recent recess, talks in Berlin between us and the North Koreans broke down. The point of contention continues to be the DPRK's obstinate refusal to accept two light-water reactors of South Korea manufacture as called for in the agreement. Mr. President I—and, I am sure, our negotiators headed by Ambassador Galucci—have grown weary of the North's negotiating tactics. Last-minute brinkmanship has failed to work for them in the past; I am unsure why they think if they continue to pursue that course we will eventually relent.

Koreans have a saying about the futility of trying to influence someone too stubborn to listen: "reading into an ox's ear." At the risk of reading into the "Pyongyang ox's" ear, let me say it one more time. As I have said before as the chairman of the Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, we should not accept any deviation from the agreed framework on the part of the DPRK. As called for in the agreement, North Korea must accept the two light-water reactors from South Korea. It must not re-fire its Yongbyon reactor. It must cease its attempts to produce fissile material. It must take steps toward initiating and maintaining a bilateral relationship with the South. The consequence for their failure to live up to the agreement is very straight-forward: a return to the Security Council and the imposition of tough sanctions.

Mr. President, this is their choice—in black and white. There is no subtlety, no innuendo, no hidden message. Our negotiators have done an admirable job in continuing to press the North Koreans; I urge them to stick to their guns.

#### WAS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE? THE VOTERS HAVE SAID YES

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, anyone even remotely familiar with the U.S.

Constitution knows that no President can spend a dime of Federal tax money that has not first been authorized and appropriated by Congress—both the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

So when you hear a politician or an editor or a commentator declare that "Reagan ran up the Federal debt" or that "Bush ran it up," bear in mind that the Founding Fathers, two centuries before the Reagan and Bush Presidencies, made it very clear that it is the constitutional duty of Congress to control Federal spending, which they have not for the past 50 years.

The fiscal irresponsibility of Congress has created a Federal debt which stood at \$4,876,206,792,345.50 as of the close of business Wednesday, April 26. This outrageous debt—which will be saddled on the backs of our children and grandchildren—averages out to \$18,403.01 on a per capita basis.

#### THE GUN-FREE SCHOOLS ACT OF 1994 REMAINS IN PLACE

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, yesterday, the Supreme Court overturned the Gun Free Schools Zones Act, a 1990 law sponsored by Senator KOHL and others that made it a felony to bring a gun within 1,000 feet of a school. The case revolves around a San Antonio youth who was tried for bringing a .38 caliber to school, and the decision has ignited widespread debate because it reverses decades of Supreme Court precedent.

However, as a result of this controversy, it is extremely important to clarify the status of a separate, recently passed law, which has a similar name—the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994—but remains firmly in place.

Parents, teachers, and school officials must know that gun possession on campus cannot be tolerated, that the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 remains in place, and that in order to receive Federal education funds every school district in the Nation must soon have in place and functioning a policy that assures that any youngster who brings a gun to school will be expelled for not less than 1 year.

The following points must be clearly understood:

First, the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 was not struck down by the Supreme Court yesterday.

Instead, the Court struck down a 1990 criminal law with a similar-sounding name—but a different legal status.

Second, the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 will not be swept away by the Court's decision.

By simply requiring schools to have a zero tolerance policy as a condition of receiving Federal education funds, the Gun-Free Schools Act does not rely on the commerce clause for its authority.

Third, the Gun-Free Schools Act remains in place, and zero tolerance policies are already showing positive results.