

contract fraud discovery and avoidance. He contributed to studies of spare parts procurement and of ways to improve contracting for major weapons. His next position was as chief, Special Litigation Branch (Environmental), Office of the Judge Advocate General, Washington, DC from December 1983 to January 1985. He organized a team of five attorneys and two engineers to assist Department of Justice in a lawsuit filed against Shell Oil under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. He then served as General Counsel [SJA] for U.S. Army South and Joint Task Force Panama from July 1985 to June 1989. He managed the delivery of all legal services within the command.

Colonel Cornelison's next assignment was as special counsel to the Assistant Attorney General (Civil Division) for Department of Justice from July 1989 to June 1990. He was selected to serve in this capacity under a fellowship through the Army War College. He represented DOJ on an interagency group responsible for implementing a Presidential executive order calling for a drug-free, Federal workplace, serving as liaison to the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, and advising on settlement of litigation. He served as chief, Environmental Law Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General for the Department of the Army from June 1990 to March 1991. He managed the Army's environmental litigation and provided legal advice to the Army staff and executed the Army's environmental program. From March 1991 to September 1993, he was executive to the Judge Advocate General for the Department of the Army. Served as personal advisor and executive assistant to the Army's senior military lawyer. He managed an office of 74 lawyers and 47 support personnel, \$3,000,000 budget, and assisted in providing legal support to the Army worldwide.

Colonel Cornelison currently is serving as assistant for Installations and Environment, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. He serves as a liaison between Congress and the Office of the Secretary of Defense and as an advocate of the Department's legislative program.

Our Nation, the U.S. Army, his wife Ella and his family, can truly be proud of the Colonel's many accomplishments. A man of his extraordinary talent and integrity is rare indeed. While his honorable service will be genuinely missed in the Department of Defense, it gives me great pleasure to recognize Col. Joseph Cornelison before my colleagues and wish him all of our best wishes in his new and exciting career.

TRIBUTE TO LOUIS HURWITZ

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to Louis Hurwitz of Sioux Falls, SD, on his retirement after 57 years as executive secretary of the Sioux Falls Jewish Welfare Fund, a branch of the United

Jewish Appeal. His tireless efforts in assisting the education, well-being, and happiness of countless Jewish refugees worldwide is admirable.

To understand the depth of Lou's love for and dedication to the happiness of others, one need only review his constant involvement in and uncommon generosity to the Sioux Falls community. His persistently positive impact on others and his continuous commitment to making a difference cannot be overstated. For six decades, Lou has been recognized repeatedly for his hard work on behalf of the Sioux Falls community. His efforts in reaching across religious lines to work with persons of all faiths deservedly has earned the respect and affection of many people, including myself. I extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Lou Hurwitz for his selfless service to the people of South Dakota, the Sioux Falls Jewish community, and thousands of others elsewhere.

Mr. President, Lou's extraordinary dedication to helping others mirrors the teachings of the Hebrew scholar, Maimonides. According to the teachings of Maimonides, the highest level of charity is to enable other human beings to help themselves. I am proud of Lou's efforts in that regard. He has enabled countless Jewish refugees around the world to become stronger. I congratulate Lou for all he has accomplished. He has left a legacy that always will be a source of pride to all South Dakotans. I join with Lou's friends and family members in wishing this extraordinary man the very best in all he has yet to achieve.

IS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE? THE VOTERS HAVE SAID YES

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the impression simply will not go away: Today's \$4.8 trillion Federal debt is a grotesque parallel to the energizer bunny we see, and see, and see on television. The Federal debt keeps going and going and going—up, of course—always to the added misery of the American taxpayers.

So many politicians talk a good game—when, that is, they go home to talk—and “talk” is the operative word—about bringing Federal deficits and the Federal debt under control.

But, sad to say, so many of these very same politicians have regularly voted for one bloated spending bill after another during the 103d Congress and before. Come to think about it, this may have been a primary factor in the new configuration of U.S. Senators as a result of last November's elections.

In any event, Mr. President, as of yesterday, Monday, May 22, at the close of business, the total Federal debt stood—down to the penny—at exactly \$4,883,843,317,167.73 or \$18,539.15 per man, woman, child on a per capita basis. Res ipsa loquitur.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to the consideration of Executive Calendar Nos. 124 through 143, and all the nominations on the Secretary's desk en bloc. I further ask that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION

Eugene Branstool, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Karl N. Stauber, of Minnesota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

AIR FORCE

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of general while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under Title 10, United States Code, Section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Billy J. Boles, 000-00-0000, United States Air Force.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under Title 10, United States Code, Section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. John C. Griffith, 000-00-0000, United States Air Force.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under Title 10, United States Code, Section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Lloyd W. Newton, 000-00-0000, United States Air Force.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of general on the retired list pursuant to the provisions to Title 10, United States Code, Section 1370:

To be general

Gen. Charles G. Boyd, 000-00-0000, United States Air Force.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of general on the retired list pursuant to the provisions to Title 10, United States Code, Section 1370:

To be general

Gen. John M. Loh, 000-00-0000, United States Air Force.

The following-named officer for reappointment to the grade of lieutenant general while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under Title 10, United States Code, Section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. John S. Fairfield, 000-00-0000, United States Air Force.