

In recent years, perhaps one of the biggest backers of the National Guard here in the Senate has been my good friend, and predecessor as chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Senator SAM NUNN of Georgia. Over the years, Senator NUNN has established a well-deserved reputation for being one of the most well-versed Members of the Senate in matters related to defense and national security. Without question, his opinion is valued and respected by Senators on both sides of the aisle, by senior officers in each of the services, by Presidents, and by the people of the United States. He has stood as an advocate for a strong defense, including what he believes should be a well-trained, well-equipped, and well-supported National Guard.

In recognition of Senator NUNN's support of the military and his belief in the National Guard, the National Guard Association of Georgia established the Sam Nunn Award which it presents each year to a person who they believe has demonstrated "solid and continuous support for the role, function, mission and purpose of the National Guard in meeting its international, national, state, and local mission." I am very proud to have been the recipient of the award for 1995, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate my friend, Mr. Coy Short of Atlanta, on being awarded this recognition by the National Guard Association of Georgia this year.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Coy for a number of years, over which time he has consistently demonstrated not only his patriotism, but his support for those who serve in all branches of the service, in both the Active Forces, the Reserves, and the Guard. He is a person who has taken a leadership role in community-military relations, lending his leadership to a number of committees designed to serve those who serve, including the Governor's Military Advisory Council; the USO Council of Georgia; and the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce's Greater Atlanta Military Affairs Council. His efforts on behalf of those in uniform have been recognized numerous times over the years by the Army, the National Guard, and by defense-related and community-spirited groups in the following manners:

The 94th Airlift Wing Man of the Year Award; National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Award for Outstanding Public Service; Oglethorpe Distinguished Services Medal for Outstanding Support of the Georgia National Guard, and National Distinguished Service Award, Association of the United States Army.

Also the Phoenix Award by the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, for providing leadership to the Greater Atlanta Military Affairs Council; Award from the National Guard Bureau for outstanding support of the Army National Guard; and Army Commendation Medal for public service on behalf of Forces Command.

Coy Short not only works hard on behalf of Atlanta's military community, he is one of the city's biggest boosters. As a member of the Peach Bowl's executive committee, he helps to make one of college football's most popular events a success, and through his position as the Deputy Regional Commissioner for the Social Security Administration's Atlanta region, Coy's professional efforts have benefited tens of thousands of Georgians. Not surprisingly, he has been recognized by the Social Security Administration for his work, including being awarded the Commissioner's Citation, the highest recognition that can be given by that agency.

At this very moment, there are National Guard soldiers and airmen who are selflessly serving in dangerous assignments throughout the world, and if given the opportunity, I am certain that they would want to express their appreciation to Coy Short for all he has done to support them. I join these brave men and women who are serving in the defense of our Nation, along with the National Guard Association of Georgia, in saluting a man who sets the highest standard for civic mindedness and support for the Nation's military forces. His efforts make Atlanta a better place to live and the United States a safer and more secure Nation.

#### THE BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the skyrocketing Federal debt recently surpassed \$5 trillion.

As of the close of business Friday, March 15, the Federal debt—down to the penny—stood at exactly \$5,045,003,375,350.97 or \$19,077.15 on a per capita basis for every man, woman, and child in America.

#### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further morning business? If not, morning business is closed.

#### BALANCED BUDGET DOWNPAYMENT ACT, II

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to H.R. 3019. The clerk will report the bill.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3019) making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Hatfield modified amendment No. 3466, in the nature of a substitute.

Lautenberg amendment No. 3482 (to amendment No. 3466), to provide funding for programs necessary to maintain essential environmental protection.

Hatch amendment No. 3499 (to amendment No. 3466), to provide funds to the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department.

Boxer/Murray amendment No. 3508 (to amendment No. 3466), to permit the District of Columbia to use local funds for certain activities.

Gorton amendment No. 3496 (to amendment No. 3466), to designate the "Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center", located in Walla Walla, Washington.

Simon amendment No. 3510 (to amendment No. 3466), to revise the authority relating to employment requirements for recipients of scholarships or fellowships from the National Security Education Trust Fund.

Simon amendment No. 3511 (to amendment No. 3466), to provide funding to carry out title VI of the National Literary Act of 1991, title VI of the Library Services and Construction Act, and section 109 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973.

Coats amendment No. 3513 (to amendment No. 3466), to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit governmental discrimination in the training and licensing of health professionals on the basis of the refusal to undergo or provide training in the performance of induced abortions.

Bond (for Pressler) amendment No. 3514 (to amendment No. 3466), to provide funding for a Radar Satellite project at NASA.

Bond amendment No. 3515 (to amendment No. 3466), to clarify rent setting requirements of law regarding housing assisted under section 236 of the National Housing Act to limit rents charged moderate income families to that charged for comparable, non-assisted housing, and clarify permissible uses of rental income in such projects, in excess of operating costs and debt service.

Bond amendment No. 3516 (to amendment No. 3466), to increase in amount available under the HUD Drug Elimination Grant Program for drug elimination activities in and around federally-assisted low-income housing developments by \$30 million, to be derived from carry-over HOPE program balances.

Bond amendment No. 3517 (to amendment No. 3466), to establish a special fund dedicated to enable the Department of Housing and Urban Development to meet crucial milestones in restructuring its administrative organization and more effectively address housing and community development needs of States and local units of government and to clarify and reaffirm provisions of current law with respect to the disbursement of HOME and CDBG funds allocated to the State of New York.

Lautenberg amendment No. 3518 (to amendment No. 3466), relating to labor-management relations.

Santorum amendment No. 3484 (to amendment No. 3466), expressing the Sense of the Senate regarding the budget treatment of federal disaster assistance.

Santorum amendment No. 3485 (to amendment No. 3466), expressing the Sense of the Senate regarding the budget treatment of federal disaster assistance.

Santorum amendment No. 3486 (to amendment No. 3466), to require that disaster relief provided under this Act be funded through amounts previously made available to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to be reimbursed through regular annual appropriations Acts.

Santorum amendment No. 3487 (to amendment No. 3466), to reduce all Title I discretionary spending by the appropriate percentage (.367%) to offset federal disaster assistance.

Santorum amendment No. 3488 (to amendment No. 3466), to reduce all Title I 'Salary and Expense' and 'Administrative Expense' accounts by the appropriate percentage (3.5%) to offset federal disaster assistance.

Gramm amendment No. 3519 (to amendment No. 3466), to make the availability of