

our colleagues on the other side will think better by tomorrow morning.

This ought to pass on a voice vote. I would prefer to have a vote on it just so everybody will know there are 100 Senators who want to right this injustice or the series of injustices and these wrongs and who want to support the President. And in doing so, the President had the guts to stand up and say, "Yes. The White House did wrong here. And we should rectify this." I respect him for that. I think we all should.

But if we have a filibuster tomorrow, I am going to have a rough time respecting anybody who participates in that under these circumstances, especially since it passed the House 250 to 43. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator suggest the absence of a quorum?

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The absence of a quorum has been suggested. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on Calendar No. 380, H.R. 2937, an act for the reimbursement of attorney fees and costs incurred by former employees of the White House Travel Office with respect to the termination of their employment in that office on May 19, 1993:

Bob Dole, Orrin Hatch, Spence Abraham, Chuck Grassley, Larry Pressler, Ted Stevens, Rod Grams, Strom Thurmond, Thad Cochran, Judd Gregg, Paul Coverdell, Connie Mack, Conrad Burns, Larry Craig, Richard Lugar, Frank H. Murkowski.

Mr. DOLE. I ask unanimous consent that this cloture vote, if necessary, occur at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 8, and the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DOLE. I now ask unanimous consent there be a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

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

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the awesome \$5 trillion Federal debt stands today as an increasingly grotesque parallel to the energizer bunny on television that keeps moving and moving and moving—precisely in the same manner and to the same extent that the President is allowing the Federal debt to keep going up and up and up into the stratosphere.

A lot of politicians like to talk a good game—"talk" is the operative word here—about cutting Federal spending and thereby bringing the Federal debt under control. But watch how they vote on spending bills.

Mr. President, as of the close of business Friday, May 3, the exact Federal debt stood at \$5,089,270,954,342.92 or \$19,220.40 per man, woman, child on a per capita basis.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2064. An act to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment of the Historic Chattahoochee Compact between the States of Alabama and Georgia.

H.R. 2243. An act to amend the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984, to extend for three years the availability of moneys for the restoration of fish and wildlife in the Trinity River, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

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-2407. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the intention to award specific watershed restoration contracts; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2408. A communication from the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator (Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs), U.S. Agency For International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of economic

conditions prevailing in Egypt; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2409. A communication from the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2410. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, the report of a rule relative to Export Certificates; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2411. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, the report of a rule relative to Importation of Additional Species of Embryos; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2412. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, the report of a rule relative to Animals and Embryos from Scrapie Countries; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2413. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, the report of a rule relative to Horse from Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2414. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, the report of a rule relative to Imported Fire Ant; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2415. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, the report of a rule relative to Brucellosis: Approved Brucella Vaccines; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2416. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, the report of a rule relative to Karnal Bunt: Amend Quarantine Regulations; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 253

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. SIMON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to repeal certain prohibitions against political recommendations relating to Federal employment, to reenact certain provisions relating to recommendations by Members of Congress, and for other purposes.

S. 258

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards to protect taxpayer rights.

S. 794

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. FRIST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 794, a bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to facilitate the minor use of a pesticide, and for other purposes.