

amount of school spirit by managing the football team, being a member of the Block C Club, and serving as the president of the Buccaneer Club. Putting his education on hold, Buddy Prioleau traded the gray uniform of a Citadel cadet for that of a soldier and he found himself serving in the bloody Pacific theater with the 41st Division.

At the end of hostilities, Buddy was able to return to the infamous white barracks of the Citadel and complete his undergraduate education. As was so typical of the veterans of World War II, Buddy recognized the importance of an education, and with his bachelor's degree in hand, he moved from Charleston to Columbia, where he enrolled in the school of law at the University of South Carolina, and from which he graduated in 1949.

For almost the next 50 years, Buddy practiced law and enjoyed great success in the legal profession. He served as legal counsel to Governors Byrnes and Timmerman, as well as myself, when I held the office of Governor of South Carolina. Additionally, he served as an acting judge of the Richland County Family Court, was a partner in the firm of Prioleau & Walker, and was very active in the South Carolina and American Bar Associations.

All the years that he was working as an attorney, building a career, raising a family, rising to the rank of colonel in the National Guard, and becoming the owner of an inn on Pawley's Island, Buddy Prioleau still made abundant time for one of his true loves, his alma mater. There is not a graduate of the Military College of South Carolina who did not know of Buddy or had some humorous anecdote about him. Without question, he was much beloved by the entire Citadel family, and they paid tribute to him in a number of ways over the years. In 1981, the Citadel yearbook, the Sphinx, was dedicated in his honor, and last year he was awarded an honorary doctor of laws and his portrait was hung in Daniel Library. Two very high honors that are accorded to only a select few individuals.

Mr. President, I know that I speak for all of Buddy Prioleau's friends when I say that not only has the Citadel lost one of its most distinguished graduates, but that our State has lost a civic-minded and public-spirited man. My sympathies go out to Buddy's children, William, Mary, Roberta, and Elizabeth, as well as his five grandchildren. He will be missed.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, February 25, the Federal debt stood at \$5,342,929,738,924.06.

Five years ago, February 25, 1992, the Federal debt stood at \$3,825,891,000,000.

Ten years ago, February 25, 1987, the Federal debt stood at \$2,241,482,000,000.

Fifteen years ago, February 25, 1982, the Federal debt stood at \$1,047,910,000,000.

Twenty-five years ago, February 25, 1972, the Federal debt stood \$426,919,000,000 which reflects a debt increase of nearly \$5 trillion (\$4,906,010,000,000) during the past 25 years.

HERE'S WEEKLY BOX SCORE ON U.S. FOREIGN OIL CONSUMPTION

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the American Petroleum Institute reports that for the week ending February 21, the U.S. imported 7,250,000 barrels of oil each day, 1,156,000 barrels more than the 6,094,000 imported during the same week a year ago.

Americans relied on foreign oil for 53 percent of their needs last week, and there are no signs that the upward spiral will abate. Before the Persian Gulf war, the United States obtained approximately 45 percent of its oil supply from foreign countries. During the Arab oil embargo in the 1970's, foreign oil accounted for only 35 percent of America's oil supply.

Anybody else interested in restoring domestic production of oil—by U.S. producers using American workers? Politicians had better ponder the economic calamity sure to occur in America if and when foreign producers shut off our supply—or double the already enormous cost of imported oil flowing into the United States—now 7,250,000 barrels a day.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 Committee on Armed Services.

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

REPORT ON THE RESPONSE TO THREATS OF TERRORIST USE OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 17

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

To the Congress of the United States:

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Public Law 104-201), title XIV, section 1411 requires the President to transmit a report to the Congress that assesses the capabilities of the Federal Government to prevent and respond to terrorist incidents involving weapons of mass destruction and to support State and local preven-

tion and response efforts. In accordance with this provision, I transmit the attached report on the subject issue.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 26, 1997.

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-1214. A communication from the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the International Private-Sector Tug-of-Opportunity System; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1215. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the 1997 Aviation System Capital Investment Plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1216. A communication from the Vice President of Government Affairs, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of Amtrak for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1217. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules including a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska" received on February 12, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1218. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, thirty-four rules including a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (RIN2105-AC63, 2137-AC97, 2120-AA65, 2120-AA64, 2120-AA66); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1219. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, four rules including a rule entitled "Telemessaging, Electronic Publishing, and Alarm Monitoring Services"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1220. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Tomatoes Grown in Florida" (FV96-966-AFIR) received on February 24, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1221. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 95-09; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1222. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 96-06; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1223. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report with respect to transactions involving exports to Israel; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1224. A communication from the Executive Director of the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to