

AEROSTAT
 Adv FA Tac Data Sys
 Bradley—BFIST
 Improved Cargo Helicopter (ICH)
 Force XXI Battle Command
 WIN ISYSCON Segment 1
 JCPMS
 JTAGS
 AGCCS

DON

Extended Range Guided Munitions (ERGM)
 AV-8 B Safety, Reliability, and Operational
 Enhancements

USAF

Cockpit Life Support System Improvement
 GBS Theater Injection Points
 GBS Fiber Connectivity
 Precision Guided Munitions
 Sensor to Shooter
 Aging Aircraft
 Engine Contractor Interim Performance
 (CIP)
 Precision Guided Munitions
 Sensor to Shooter
 AWACS Extend Sentry
 Nuclear C2
 GCCS
 GPS Systems
 Range Standardization and Automation
 Spacetrack

SOF

AC-130 Lethality Enhancements RDT&E

MILCON

ARMY

Arrival/Departure Airfield Control Group
 (DACC)

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, April 15, 1997, the Federal debt stood at \$5,383,116,230,748.81. Five trillion, three hundred eighty-three billion, one hundred sixteen million, two hundred thirty thousand, seven hundred forty-eight dollars and eighty-one cents.

One year ago, April 15, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,140,011,000,000. Five trillion, one hundred forty billion, eleven million.

Five years ago, April 15, 1992, the Federal debt stood at \$3,902,117,000,000. Three trillion, nine hundred two billion, one hundred seventeen million.

Ten years ago, April 15, 1987, the Federal debt stood at \$2,281,470,000,000. Two trillion, two hundred eighty-one billion, four hundred seventy million.

Fifteen years ago, April 15, 1982, the Federal debt stood at \$1,064,434,000,000. One trillion, sixty-four billion, four hundred thirty-four million—which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,318,682,230,748.81—four trillion, three hundred eighteen billion, six hundred eighty-two million, two hundred thirty thousand, seven hundred forty-eight dollars and eighty-one cents—during the past 15 years.

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 appropriate committees.

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

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-1554. A communication from the general counsel of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Thrift Savings Plan Loans" received on April 14, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1555. A communication from the chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1556. A communication from the Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1557. A communication from the board members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1558. A communication from the District of Columbia auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the audit of ANC 1B for the period October 1, 1993 through December 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1559. A communication from the executive director of the D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the D.C. financial plan and budget for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1560. A communication from the executive director of the D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports including a report entitled "Recommendations for Performance Measurement—Department of Administrative Services"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1561. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-458 adopted by the Council on November 25, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1562. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-524 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1563. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-45 adopted by the Council on March 4, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1564. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-46 adopted by the Council on March 4, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1565. A communication from the administrator from the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, the report of five rules including one rule relative to hazelnuts, received on April 14, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1566. A communication from the congressional review coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to disease status, received on April 9, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1567. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1568. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Moving Toward a Lead-Safe America"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1569. 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 various countries; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1570. 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 Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1571. A communication from the chairman of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1572. A communication from the assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report with respect to the rule entitled "Regulation M, Consumer Leasing Act, Docket number R-0952," received on March 27, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1573. A communication from the assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, received on March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1574. A communication from the assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Availability of Consumer Identify Information and Financial Fraud, April 1, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1575. A communication from the chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1576. A communication from the chairman of the board of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1996 annual report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1577. A communication from the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual consumer report for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1578. A communication from the Federal Liaison Office of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to economic growth, received