

American Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Ribbon.

When he left the Army his commitment to service continued, not only as the Hancock County Sheriff, but also in his dedication to seeing the community grow, while preserving its solid rural values. It was that unyielding devotion that earned him the Citizen of the Year award in 1992 by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

Perhaps his commitment to country should come as no surprise. His father served in the Army during World War One, and both of his brothers served in World War II, where one narrowly escaped death at Pearl Harbor. Both of his sons served in Viet Nam, as did his daughter's husband. His grandson continues the tradition as an Air Force Academy graduate.

Mr. President, Billy Stephen's contributions will be felt for generations, both as soldier and community leader. He was a good father, husband, friend, and fighter for America, and his presence will be sorely missed.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Thursday, June 19, 1997, the Federal debt stood at \$5,330,018,602,378.07. (Five trillion, three hundred thirty billion, eighteen million, six hundred two thousand, three hundred seventy-eight dollars and seven cents)

One year ago, June 19, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,120,985,000,000. (Five trillion, one hundred twenty billion, nine hundred eighty-five million)

Five years ago, June 19, 1992, the Federal debt stood at \$3,933,120,000,000. (Three trillion, nine hundred thirty-three billion, one hundred twenty million)

Ten years ago, June 19, 1987, the Federal debt stood at \$2,293,351,000,000. (Two trillion, two hundred ninety-three billion, three hundred fifty-one million)

Twenty-five years ago, June 19, 1972, the Federal debt stood at \$426,191,000,000 (Four hundred twenty-six billion, one hundred ninety-one million) which reflects a debt increase of nearly \$5 trillion—\$4,903,827,602,378.07 (Four trillion, nine hundred three billion, eight hundred twenty-seven million, six hundred two thousand, three hundred seventy-eight dollars and seven cents) during the past 25 years.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ENZI). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 1:18 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 bill:

H.R. 956. An act to amend the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 to establish a program to support and encourage local communities that first demonstrate a comprehensive, long-term commitment to reduce substance abuse among youth, and for other purposes.

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-2253. A communication from the Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2254. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Presidential Determination relative to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2255. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules including a rule entitled "Visas" received on June 10, 1997; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2256. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, the report of the texts of international agreements, other than treaties, and background statements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2257. A Communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a response to a report relative to tax deductibility of nonreimbursable expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2258. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Offset of Tax Refund Payments to Collect Past-due, Legally Enforceable Nontax Debt", received on June 18, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2259. A communication from the Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to nuclear plant decommissioning trust fund, received on June 16, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2260. A communication from the Acting Deputy, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "National Capital Region Parks-Kennedy Center and Distribution of Literature" (RIN1024-AC61), received on June 18, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2261. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Acquisition and Technology, Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of 43 rules relative to the Defense Acquisition Circular 91-12, received on June 16, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2262. A communication from the Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Scope of Rules: National Security; Prevention of Acts of Violence and Terrorism" (RIN1120-AA54), received on June 19, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2263. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule entitled "Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Addition to Quarantined Areas; Regulated Articles", received on June 19, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2264. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's Accountability for fiscal year 1996, received on June 19, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2265. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska, received on June 19, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2266. A communication from the Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Tongass National Forest; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 949. An original bill to provide revenue reconciliation pursuant to section 104(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998 (Rept. No. 105-33).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on the Budget, without amendment:

S. 947. An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 942. A bill to repeal the requirement that the Secretary of the Navy maintain a dairy farm for the Naval Academy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 943. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation accidents; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 944. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish procedures for requesting waivers on behalf of qualified international medical graduates of the 2-year foreign residency requirement; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BREAU (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 945. A bill to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in the medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 946. A bill for the relief of Pyonghui Gonion Arrington; to the Committee on the Judiciary.