

bill, H.R. 867, and also of former Representative Bill Richardson who early this year introduced a freestanding bill on this issue. It seems that we keep running into the issue of funding. This is, however, a clear-cut case of fairness, and we must work together to provide equitable assistance to Indian children.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I certainly appreciate the perspective my colleagues bring to this issue. Clearly, we need to take into account the status of tribes and tribal court system and the children under their jurisdiction in determining IV-E payments. I will work with them to correct this inequity.

Mr. DORGAN. I would like to add my voice to those of my colleagues who share my belief that it is fundamentally unfair for Indian children placed by tribal courts to be ineligible for IV-E assistance even though these children otherwise meet the eligibility requirements. In my judgment, we have a responsibility, both because of the Federal Government's trust relationship with Indian tribes and because of the desperate need that exists in Indian country for this funding, to correct this oversight as quickly as possible.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I thank all of my colleagues for joining me in this discussion and for their acknowledgment that this is an injustice that must be corrected. I look forward to working with them to make sure we provide the same resources for Indian children as we do for other children in this country.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE BOB  
JONES, JR.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I am saddened to report the passing of a

longtime friend, a man of integrity and honor, and someone who was well respected throughout the United States, Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.

Dr. Jones was the chancellor and chairman of the fundamentalist Christian Bob Jones University, which was founded by his father in 1927 and moved to South Carolina in 1947. Students who attend this institution learn the fundamentals of Christianity while gaining a valuable education that will prepare them for their future. The university's talented and devoted staff of educators make many contributions to the world through their service to the community and their dedication to teaching others the truths of the Bible. Graduates of Bob Jones University are employed throughout the Nation in many different fields, but each possesses the qualities and values of a good Christian upbringing, and are sound in both mind and body.

In addition to his service at the university, Dr. Jones was a well respected preacher and Christian leader throughout the Nation. Addressing crowds at church services, conferences, and meetings around the world, he was often touted as an evangelical leader who gained an unequalled respect and admiration from those who had the privilege of hearing him speak. Words cannot possibly express the degree of his devotion to the Christian faith, his community, family, and friends. His death has left a large void that will serve to remind us of the great impact he had upon each of these. Dr. Jones was a dear friend of mine, and I feel a deep loss in his death, as do so many throughout our Nation.

His family, which includes his wife, Fannie May Holmes Jones; his three children; 10 grandchildren; and his

three great-grandchildren, all have my deepest sympathies. They have lost a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and South Carolina has lost an irreplaceable son.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, November 12, 1997, the Federal debt stood at \$5,429,798,432,997.19 (Five trillion, four hundred twenty-nine billion, seven hundred ninety-eight million, four hundred thirty-two thousand, nine hundred ninety-seven dollars and nineteen cents).

One year ago, November 12, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,246,804,000,000 (Five trillion, two hundred forty-six billion, eight hundred four million).

Five years ago, November 12, 1992, the Federal debt stood at \$4,083,868,000,000 (Four trillion, eighty-three billion, eight hundred sixty-eight million).

Ten years ago, November 12, 1987, the Federal debt stood at \$2,394,714,000,000 (Two trillion, three hundred ninety-four billion, seven hundred fourteen million).

Fifteen years ago, November 12, 1982, the Federal debt stood at \$1,141,767,000,000 (One trillion, one hundred forty-one billion, seven hundred sixty-seven million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,288,031,432,997.19 (Four trillion, two hundred eighty-eight billion, thirty-one million, four hundred thirty-two thousand, nine hundred ninety-seven dollars and nineteen cents) during the past 15 years.

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