

in the community about enforcement if we are not credible on prevention. The juvenile block grant offers an excellent opportunity for the Senate to invest seriously in prevention.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL F. EVANS,  
Police Commissioner.

#### THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Friday, February 6, 1998, the Federal debt stood at \$5,472,049,936,751.15 (Five trillion, four hundred seventy-two billion, forty-nine million, nine hundred thirty-six thousand, seven hundred fifty-one dollars and fifteen cents).

One year ago, February 6, 1997, the Federal debt stood at \$5,307,084,000,000 (Five trillion, three hundred seven billion, eighty-four million).

Twenty-five years ago, February 6, 1973, the Federal debt stood at \$445,600,000,000 (Four hundred forty-five billion, six hundred million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,026,449,936,751.15 (Five trillion, twenty-six billion, four hundred forty-nine million, nine hundred thirty-six thousand, seven hundred fifty-one dollars and fifteen cents) during the past 25 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 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### REPORT OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 93

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; referred jointly, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1823, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), I transmit herewith an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Poland extending the Agreement of August 1, 1985, Concerning Fisheries Off the Coasts of the United States, with annexes and agreed minutes, as amended and extended (the

1985 Agreement). The Agreement, which was effected by an exchange of notes at Warsaw on February 5 and August 25, 1997, extends the 1985 Agreement to December 31, 1999.

In light of the importance of our fisheries relationship with the Republic of Poland, I urge that the Congress give favorable consideration to this Agreement at an early date.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 5, 1998.

#### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1996—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 94

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 Labor and Human Resources.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I am pleased to present to you the 1996 annual report of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the Federal agency charged with fostering scholarship and enriching the ideas and wisdom born of the humanities. The agency supports an impressive range of projects encompassing the worlds of history, literature, philosophy, and culture. Through these projects, Americans of all walks of life are able to explore and share in the uniqueness of our Nation's democratic experience.

The activities of the NEH touch tens of millions of our citizens—from the youngest students to the most veteran professors, to men and women who simply strive for a greater appreciation of our Nation's past, present, and future. The NEH has supported projects as diverse as the widely viewed documentary, *The West*, and research as specialized as that conducted on the Dakota Tribe. Small historical societies have received support, as have some of the Nation's largest cultural institutions.

Throughout our history, the humanities have provided Americans with the knowledge, insights, and perspectives needed to move ourselves and our civilization forward. Today, the NEH remains vitally important to promoting our Nation's culture. Not only does its work continue to add immeasurably to our civic life, it strengthens the democratic spirit so essential to our country and our world on the eve of a new century.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 5, 1998.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 95

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by the provisions of section 13, Public Law 806, 80th Congress (15 U.S.C. 714k), I transmit herewith the report of the Commodity Credit Corporation for fiscal year 1995.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 5, 1998.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 2631) disapproving the cancellations transmitted by President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved, that the said bill, pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives agreeing to pass the same.

#### 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-3932. A communication from the Director of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the reports of three rules received on January 27, 1997; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-3933. A communication from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the sequestration preview report for fiscal year 1999; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, to the Committee on the Budget, and to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3934. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on February 3, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3935. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on January 27, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3936. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on February 2, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3937. A communication from the Secretary of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on February 2, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first