

will be greatly missed and my sympathies go out to his family and friends.

#### THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, June 10, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,495,636,727,532.95 (Five trillion, four hundred ninety-five billion, six hundred thirty-six million, seven hundred twenty-seven thousand, five hundred thirty-two dollars and ninety-five cents).

One year ago, June 10, 1997, the federal debt stood at \$5,351,974,000,000 (Five trillion, three hundred fifty-one billion, nine hundred seventy-four million).

Five years ago, June 10, 1993, the federal debt stood at \$4,298,707,000,000 (Four trillion, two hundred ninety-eight billion, seven hundred seven million).

Ten years ago, June 10, 1988, the federal debt stood at \$2,530,516,000,000 (Two trillion, five hundred thirty billion, five hundred sixteen million).

Fifteen years ago, June 10, 1983, the federal debt stood at \$1,309,637,000,000 (One trillion, three hundred nine billion, six hundred thirty-seven million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,185,999,727,532.95 (Four trillion, one hundred eighty-five billion, nine hundred ninety-nine million, seven hundred twenty-seven thousand, five hundred thirty-two dollars and ninety-five 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 two treaties and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

#### REPORT CONCERNING THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO) IN RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION IN KOSOVO—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 139

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In response to the ongoing use of excessive military force in Kosovo by the

police and armed forces of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and the Republic of Serbia, which has exacerbated ethnic conflict and human suffering and threatens to destabilize other countries in the region, the United States, acting in concert with the European Union, has decided to impose certain economic sanctions. Consistent with decisions taken at the meetings of the Contact Group of countries, consisting of the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, and Russia, in Birmingham, England, on May 16, 1998, and in Rome on April 29, 1998, the United States will impose a freeze on the assets of the Governments of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), the Republic of Serbia, and the Republic of Montenegro, and a ban on new investment in the Republic of Serbia. It is our intent to exempt the Government of Montenegro from these sanctions wherever possible.

The Contact Group originally agreed in Rome on April 29 to impose these sanctions in response to the increasingly dangerous situation in Kosovo and Belgrade's failure to meet crucial requirements concerning the adoption of a framework for dialogue with the Kosovar Albanian leadership and a stabilization package, as set out in earlier Contact Group meetings in London on March 9, 1998, and in Bonn on March 25, 1998. The G8 Foreign Ministers reaffirmed the need to impose sanctions at their meeting in London on May 8-9, 1998. The Russian Federation did not associate itself with these sanction measures.

At the May 16 meeting in Birmingham, England, the Contact Group welcomed the establishment of a dialogue between Belgrade and the Kosovar Albanian leadership. With the start of this dialogue, those Contact Group countries that had previously agreed to implement economic measures against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and the Republic of Serbia agreed that the proposed measure to stop new investment in the Republic of Serbia would not be put into effect and that they would review at their next meeting the implementation of the freeze on funds. However, the use of indiscriminate force by the police and armed forces of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and the Republic of Serbia has undermined the basis for dialogue.

The Contact Group has concluded that the current situation in Kosovo is untenable and the risk of an escalating conflict requires immediate action. It has also found that, if unresolved, the conflict threatens to spill over to other parts of the region. The United States attaches high priority to supporting the security interests of the neighboring states and to ensuring security of borders. It is also of particular importance that developments in Kosovo should not disrupt progress in implementing the Dayton peace agreement

in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This threat to the peace of the region constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

On June 9, 1998, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), and section 301 of title 3 of the United States Code, I declared a national emergency to respond to the unacceptable actions and policies of the Belgrade authorities and issued an Executive order to implement the measures called for by the Contact Group. That order freezes the assets of the Governments of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), the Republic of Serbia, and the Republic of Montenegro that are under U.S. jurisdiction and, in concert with the other Contact Group countries, restricts access of those governments to the international financial system. That order also prohibits new investment by United States persons, or their facilitation of other persons' new investment, in the Republic of Serbia. It is our intent to exempt the Government of the Republic of Montenegro, by means of licenses, from the prohibitions contained in the order wherever possible. That government has been included in the order to ensure effective implementation of sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), of which the Republic of Montenegro is a constituent part.

The order carries out these measures by:

- blocking all property, and interests in property, of the Governments of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), the Republic of Serbia, and the Republic of Montenegro, including the prohibition of financial transactions with, including trade financing for, those governments; and
- prohibiting new investment by United States persons, or their facilitation of other persons' new investment, in the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

The order provides that the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, is authorized to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order. Thus, in the event of improvements in the actions and policies of Belgrade with respect to the situation in Kosovo, the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, would have the ability, through the issuance of general or specific licenses, to authorize any or all transactions otherwise prohibited by the order. Also, in implementing the sanctions, we intend to license transactions necessary to conduct the official business of the United States Government and the United Nations. We

further intend to issue licenses to allow humanitarian, diplomatic, and journalistic activities to continue.

The declaration of a national emergency made under Executive Order 12808, and expanded in Executive Orders 12810 and 12831, remains in effect and is not affected by the June 9, 1998, order.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 10, 1998.

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 423. An act to extend the legislative authority of the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore.

At 6:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3150. An act to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 102. Concurrent resolution recognizing Disabled American Veterans.

## MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 3798. An act to restore provisions agreed to by the conferees to H.R. 2400, entitled the "Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century," but not included in the conference report to H.R. 2400, and for other purposes.

## ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on June 11, 1998, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bills:

S. 423. An act to extend the legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason.

S. 1150. An act to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs, 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-5334. A communication from the Director of the United States Information Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5335. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5336. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5337. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5338. A communication from the Chairman of the Consumer Products Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5339. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5340. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reduction In Force Retreat Right" (RIN3206-AG77) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5341. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding the removal of obsolete regulations on the transfer of marine equipment; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5342. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; San Pedro Bay, CA" (RIN 2115-AA97) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5343. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Madison, SD" (Docket 98-AGL-17) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5344. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Rush City, MN" (Docket 98-AGL-18) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5345. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Fergus Falls, MN" (Docket 98-AGL-6) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5346. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Colorado Springs, CO" (Docket

98-ANM-06) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5347. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" (Docket 29241) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5348. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" (Docket 29242) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5349. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Rugby, ND" (Docket 98-AGL-13) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5350. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Traverse City, MI" (Docket 98-AGL-16) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5351. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Wooster, OH" (Docket 98-AGL-19) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5352. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Marion, OH" (Docket 98-AGL-20) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5353. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Minot, ND" (Docket 98-AGL-21) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5354. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class D and Class E Airspace; St. Joseph, MO; Extension of Comment Period and Correction" (Docket 98-ACE-6) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5355. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Realignment of Jet Route J-66; TN" (Docket 97-ASO-28) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5356. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D Airspace; Minot AFB, ND; and Class E Airspace; Minot, ND" (Docket 97-AGL-61) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5357. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding airworthiness directives on certain Eurocopter France helicopter models (Docket 96-SW-22-AD) received on June 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.