

old sister moves beyond fuzzy thoughts of romance inspired by *Cinderella* or *Aladdin* into sexual curiosity. "She's always talking about pee-pees, she sees somebody on TV kissing and hugging or something, and she says, 'Oh, they had sex,' I think she's going to find out about this stuff before I did." She pauses. "We don't tell my sister anything," she says, "but she's not a naive child."

Mr. BYRD. I yield the floor.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, July 22, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,536,743,281,758.09 (Five trillion, five hundred thirty-six billion, seven hundred forty-three million, two hundred eighty-one thousand, seven hundred fifty-eight dollars and nine cents).

One year ago, July 22, 1997, the federal debt stood at \$5,366,067,000,000 (Five trillion, three hundred sixty-six billion, sixty-seven million).

Five years ago, July 22, 1993, the federal debt stood at \$4,340,981,000,000 (Four trillion, three hundred forty billion, nine hundred eighty-one million).

Ten years ago, July 22, 1988, the federal debt stood at \$2,552,070,000,000 (Two trillion, five hundred fifty-two billion, seventy million) which reflects a debt increase of nearly \$3 trillion—\$2,984,673,281,758.09 (Two trillion, nine hundred eighty-four billion, six hundred seventy-three million, two hundred eighty-one thousand, seven hundred fifty-eight dollars and nine cents) during the past 10 years.

RECOGNITION OF NEWT HEISLEY

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I begin my statement today describing a powerful and emotional sight that moves us to the core of our faith and beliefs about America and about those who have served in the Armed Forces of our nation.

Many of us have visited one or more of the military academies that train our future military leaders. These academies have varied missions and yet all of them share in the critical task of developing leaders for their particular service and our country. On the grounds of each academy is a chapel, a spectacular place that at once identifies itself as a place of worship.

In each chapel, a place has been reserved for the Prisoners of War and the Missing in Action from their particular branch of service. A pew has been set aside and marked by a candle, a powerful, symbolic reminder that not all have returned from battle. This hallowed place has been set aside so that all POWs and MIAs are remembered with the dignity and honor they deserve. It is a moving and emotional moment to pause at this reserved pew, to be encouraged by the burning candle, to recall the valor and sacrifice of those soldiers, sailors or pilots, and to be inspired today by what they have done.

Back in 1970, a wife of a soldier missing in action made a simple request to have a flag designed for a small group of families whose loved ones were prisoners or missing in action in Southeast Asia. As a member of the National League of Families she felt the organization needed a symbol. This symbol, a black and white flag, with a silhouette of a bowed head set against a guard tower and a single strand of barb wire, was designed by Newt Heisley.

Congress has officially recognized the National League of Families POW/MIA flag. This flag has become a powerful symbol to all Americans that we have not forgotten—and will not forget. Since its creation, the flag has flown over numerous state and federal buildings, and has even been adopted by similar organizations in Kuwait, Chechnya, Bosnia, and other countries.

Newt Heisley made the sketch of this symbol over a couple of days in a New Jersey advertising studio, never imagining the impact the design he created almost 27 years ago would have. Mr. Heisley used the inspiration of his ill son returning from Marine training at Quantico, Virginia for the silhouette. Otherwise the flag was just a quick sketch that wasn't even supposed to be black and white. Mr. Heisley planned on adding colors but the black and white motif remained.

Mr. Heisley, first realized how popular the symbol had become when he moved to Colorado Springs in 1972. Only two years after he made the design he was touring the Air Force Academy when he saw the flag on display at the visitors center. Today, the flag is a national symbol that is seen on everything from ball caps to bumper stickers.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Heisley knows of the importance of his design. We must never forget those who gave their lives for our country. Mr. Heisley never felt the need to profit from the POW/MIA flag design. The image was never copyrighted and today is used by many companies and organizations. Mr. Heisley was simply glad to create a symbol that honors veterans and the sacrifices they made for our country and freedom.

Mr. President, the United States has fought in many wars and thousands of Americans who served in those wars were captured by the enemy or listed as missing in action. In 20th Century wars alone, more than 147,000 Americans were captured and became Prisoners of War; of that number more than 15,000 died while in captivity. When we add to this number those who are still missing in action, we realize the tremendous importance of their presence through the POW/MIA flag. The POW/MIA flag is a forceful reminder that we care not only for them, but also for their families who personally carry with them the burden of sacrifice. We want them to know that they do not stand alone, that we stand with them and beside them, and remember the loyalty and devotion of those who served.

As a veteran who served in Korea, I personally know that the remembrance of another's sacrifice in battle is one of the highest and most noble acts we can offer. Newt Heisley has inspired this remembrance and honor and I thank him, personally, for this tremendous symbol that shall endure forever.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:32 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, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1260. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6) to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

For consideration of the House bill (except section 464), and Senate amendment (except sections 484 and 799C), and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOODLING, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. PETRI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. CLAY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. ANDREWS.

For consideration of section 464 of the House bill, and sections 484 and 799 C of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOODLING, Mr. TALENT, Mr. SHAW, Mr. CAMP, and Mr. LEVIN.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3616) to authorize appropriations for fiscal 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on National Security, for consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SPENCE, Mr. STUMP, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. KASICH, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. BUYER, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. JONES, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. RILEY, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. PICKETT, Mr.