the National School Lunch program was increased by $173 million, the School Breakfast program by $107 million, the Women, Infants and Children program by $260 million. Head Start also was increased by $36 million. These increases mean that hundreds of additional children in South Dakota will have the same nutrition they need. The increases in school-based nutrition programs are especially beneficial. They allow children to concentrate on what is really important—learning. Clearly, Congress is making good on its commitment to the youngest and most vulnerable in our society.

The single greatest issue affecting our children's future though, is the Federal budget. Our $5 trillion debt threatens the quality of life for future generations on many fronts. Skyrocketing interest payments on our national debt will continue to squeeze out funding for other legitimate Federal programs, such as child care or foster care. We must take immediate action to control deficit spending to preserve our school lunch or Title I programs for future generations.

Budget deficits darken our children's economic future. We need a balanced budget to lower interest rates, spur economic development and create jobs. Lower interest rates will make a college education and a first home more affordable.

I was very disappointed that liberals in the Senate once again rejected the Balanced Budget Amendment. This is a moral issue. A balanced budget represents real hope and opportunity for all Americans. I continuously have supported a balanced budget, as well as a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution. Our $5 trillion debt burden is such that our children will be forced to carry. Having just celebrated Father's Day, I would like to give my daughter, and all other children, the gift of freedom from our national debt.

Balancing the budget, preserving programs like school lunch and Head Start, providing real hope and opportunity for future generations—that's how we can stand for children. All are not mutually exclusive goals. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the months ahead to ensure that we in Congress demonstrate a strong, bipartisan commitment to children.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE
At 2:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Harman, received on June 18, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3047. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled “Mediterranean Fruit Fly: Removal of Quarantined Areas,” received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3048. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled “Increasing Assumption Rate for Domestic Results,” received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3049. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled “Tobacco Inspection; Grower’s Referendum Requirements,” received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3050. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled “Tobacco Inspection; Grower’s Referendum Requirements,” received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3051. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled “Increasing Assumption Rate for Domestically Produced Peanuts,” received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3052. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled “Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Temporary Suspension of Minimum Grade Requirements,” received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3053. A communication from the Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of program performance for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3054. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled “Apricots Grown in Washington; Temporary Suspension of Minimum Grade Requirements,” received on June 18, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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-3045. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled “Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Order—Amendment of the Rules and Regulations to Add HTS Code for Flax,” received on June 11, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED
As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting a treaty.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT
Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED
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