you just made in your comments. I understand that the intention of the Conference was that the children of all Customs Service employees would be eligible to attend the DOD school in Puerto Rico. The Conference did not intend to renew the category of Customs Service employee. The Statement of Managers language in the Conference Report refers to Customs Agents. Some may interpret this to mean that only children of agents were eligible to attend the DOD school. Mr. THURSDAY. The Senator is correct in pointing this out. The term ‘agent’ in the Statement of Managers is not used in the technical sense, but was intended to be a generic reference to all Customs Service employees stationed in Puerto Rico.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I thank my colleague for clarifying the intent of this provision.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Monday, October 5, 1998, the federal debt stood at $5,527,216,225,445.49 (Five trillion, five hundred twenty-seven billion, two hundred twenty-five thousand, four hundred forty-five dollars and forty-nine cents).

Five years ago, October 5, 1993, the federal debt stood at $4,407,913,000,000 (Four trillion, four hundred seventeen billion, nine hundred thirteen million).

Ten years ago, October 5, 1988, the federal debt stood at $2,621,612,000,000 (Two trillion, six hundred twenty-one billion, six hundred twelve million).

Fifteen years ago, October 5, 1983, the federal debt stood at $1,198,519,000,000 (One trillion, one hundred ninety-eight billion, five hundred nineteen million).

Twenty-five years ago, October 5, 1973, the federal debt stood at $458,006,000,000 (Four hundred fifty-eight billion, six hundred million) which reflects a debt increase of more than $1 trillion—$5,069,212,225,445.49 (Five trillion, sixty-nine billion, two hundred twelve million, two hundred twenty-five thousand, four hundred forty-five dollars and forty-nine cents) during the past 25 years.

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE STUDY ACT OF 1998

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, Tuesday, October 6, 1998, will always hold a spot dear to my heart. I hope that today will also be dear to the hearts of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, dear to Coloradans, and dear to Americans everywhere.

Today, S. 1695, the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Study Act of 1998, a bill I was proud to introduce, was signed into law. Many of us, dear to Coloradans, and dear to Coloradans, have participated in the massacre and remembered when the blood of hundreds of innocent Cheyenne and Arapaho women, men, children, and elderly noncombatants, Captain Soule steadfastly refused to order his Company to open fire. Captain Soule’s refusal allowed many, perhaps hundreds, of innocent Cheyenne and Arapaho to flee the bloody killing field through his Company’s lines.

While the Sand Creek Massacre was at first hailed as a great victory, Captain Soule was determined to make the horrific truth of the massacre known. Even though he was jailed, intimidated, threatened, and even shot at, Silas Soule refused to compromise himself and made his voice heard through reports that reached all the way from Colorado to Washington, and even to the floor of the U.S. Senate. Even with the bloody carnage of the Civil War, the brutal atrocities at Sand Creek shocked the nation.

During hearings in Denver, Captain Soule’s integrity and unwavering testimony turned the tide against the once popular Chivington and the other men who participated in the massacre and participated in the massacre. Captain Soule fully realized that telling the truth about the massacre could cost him his life, even telling a good friend that he fully expected to be killed for his testimony. He was right. Walking home with his new bride a short time later, Silas Soule was ambushed and shot in the head by an assassin who had participated in the Sand Creek Massacre. Silas Soule’s funeral, held just a few weeks after his wedding, was one of the most attended in Denver up until that time.

While Captain Silas Soule’s name has largely faded into history, he stands out as one of the few bright rays of light in the moral darkness that surrounds the Sand Creek Massacre. He should be remembered.

Thank you, Mr. President. I yield the floor.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:55 a.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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 563. An act to establish a toll free number in the Department of Commerce to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made.

H.R. 63. An act to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to provide that the annuities of certain special agents and security personnel of the Department of State be computed in the same way as applies generally with respect to Federal law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1756. An act to amend chapter 53 of title 31, United States Code, to require the development and implementation by the Secretary of the Treasury of a national money laundering and related financial crime strategy to combat money laundering and related financial crimes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1756. An act to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide for further self-governance by tribal Indian tribes, and for other purposes.
H.R. 2370. An act to amend the Organic Act of Guam to clarify local executive and legislative provisions in such Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2742. An act to provide for the transfer of public lands to certain California Indian Tribes.

H.R. 3893. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a Federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3894. An act to designate the post office located at 203 West Paige Street, in Tompkinsville, Kentucky, as the "Tiree Lee Carter Office Building."

H.R. 4000. An act to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 400 Edgmont Avenue, Chester, Pennsylvania, as the "Thomas M. Foglietta Post Office Building."

H.R. 4001. An act to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 2601 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Roxanne H. Jones Post Office Building."

H.R. 4005. An act to amend titles 18 and 31, United States Code, to improve methods for preventing money laundering and other financial crimes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4146. An act to amend the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, to authorize the winding up of the bank, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4280. An act to provide for greater access to child care services for Federal Employees.

H.R. 4647. An act to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to require the President to report to Congress on any selective embargo on agricultural commodities, to provide a termination date for the embargo, to provide greater assurances for contract sanctity, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4655. An act to establish a program to support a transition to democracy in Iraq.

The message also announced that the House had passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 391: An act to provide a process for identifying the functions of the Federal Government that are not inherently governmental functions, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1702) to encourage the development of a commercial space industry in the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

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