

The members of the Mill Creek Fire Co., as well as the broader fire service community, have also kept their faith with Wayne and with the Steen family, another great tradition—members of the fire service always keep the faith.

There is no escaping that what happened to Wayne Steen is a tragedy, the kind that cannot be explained, and I do not want to minimize in any way the depth of the loss or the difficulty of the struggle. Our tears are more than justified.

Yet still, through our sadness and in asking Americans to offer prayers and good wishes in support of Wayne and his family, I would also ask that we not forget the immeasurable triumphs of Wayne Steen's life and spirit. Let us not forget the lessons he has taught us by his citizenship, let us not forget the purpose to which he sacrificed so much.

Let us not forget the bond and obligation we share as fellow citizens—let's take care of each other more often, let's work together better. Let's remember how lucky we are.

That's what Wayne Steen would want, and we owe it to him.

THE BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, a lot of folks don't have the slightest idea about the enormity of the Federal debt. Occasionally, I ask friends, how many millions of dollars are there in a trillion? They think about it, voice some estimates, most of them wrong.

One thing they do know is that it was the U.S. Congress that ran up the enormous Federal debt that is now over \$5 trillion.

To be exact, as of the close of business Monday, April 15, the total Federal debt—down to the penny—stood at \$5,140,011,407,773.15. That's \$5 trillion, 140 billion plus. Another sad statistic is that on a per capita basis, every man, woman and child in America owes \$19,422.38.

So Mr. President, how many million are there in a trillion? There are a million-million in a trillion, which means that the Federal Government owes more than \$5 million-million.

Sort of boggles the mind, doesn't it?

THE TYRANT OF TRIPOLI

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, on December 21, 1995, I rose on the Senate floor to note the seventh anniversary of the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland—an outrageous act of international terrorism which claimed the lives of 270 innocent people. Seven long years have passed, but still the victims' families have no solace that the alleged masterminds of this evil act will ever be brought to justice because the Libyan Government refuses to extradite them.

Yesterday, in an interview with Gayle Young of the Cable News Network, Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi attempted to justify his position: "We are ready [for] these suspects

*** to go there for a trial. But the Governments of America and the British, [sic] they don't want to solve this problem ***. They have no proof [so] they avoid the trial." Three assertions. Three untruths. Three additions to the endless stream of lies and falsehoods issued from the tyrant of Tripoli.

A state which harbors outlaws must, of necessity, remain an outlaw state. The United States and the community of civilized nations must keep steadfast to our commitment to the rule of law and our demand for justice for the victims of Pan Am 103 and their families.

I thank the Chair and I yield the floor.

NDSU WOMEN TRIUMPH FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I want to pay special tribute today to the 1996 National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division II women's national basketball champions, the North Dakota State University Bison.

The Bison women's accomplishments are truly remarkable for any level of play. This year's title marks their fourth straight national basketball championship and their fifth title in the last 6 years.

Many thought they could not improve upon last year's season, when the Bison finished their season undefeated. While they didn't quite reach that goal, they had 2 losses this year, they did break their own record from last year for most points scored in the championship game. This year, they scored 104 points against Shippensburg, PA, in the title game. They also extended their homecourt winning streak to 43 games.

Their outstanding team accomplishments throughout the year were aided by some notable individual accomplishments. I want to especially congratulate the team's two seniors, Lori Roufs and Jenni Rademacher, for their achievements throughout their careers at NDSU. Not too many college athletes close out their collegiate careers with not one, not two, not three, but four national championship rings. That they added the fourth is due in no small part to their leadership this year.

Lori and Jenni each scored 1,000 points during their years at NDSU. And they earned the additional honor of being named to the 1996 Elite 8 All-Tournament team.

I also cannot overlook the individual accomplishments of junior Kasey Morlock, who was named Most Outstanding Player of the tournament for the second year in a row.

But a basketball team needs hard work and contributions from all of its players if it is to reach its league's pinnacle. The Bison certainly got that from juniors Rhonda Birch and Andrea Kelly, sophomores Rachael Otto and Amy Ornell, and freshmen Tanya Fischer, Molly Reif, Brenna

Stefonowicz, Theresa Lang, Heidi SMITH, and Heather Seim.

Finally, I want to honor the coaches who have turned the Bison into the dominant force in division II women's basketball. It's no coincidence that Head Coach Amy Ruley has won her fifth national championship, and I know her players have the highest respect for her as a coach and as a person. Coach Ruley is assisted on the bench by Kelli Layman, Jill DeVries, and Lynette Mund.

As with last year, all but the two seniors will be returning for next year's season, so the Bison and all of us in North Dakota can look forward to another excellent season. But for now, it is more than enough to bask in the glow of winning yet another national championship. Congratulations to a wonderful team.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Kalbaugh, 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 appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:20 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 51. Concurrent resolution to provide for the approval of final regulations that are applicable to employing offices that are not employing offices of the House of Representatives or the Senate, and to covered employees who are not employees of the House of Representatives or the Senate, and that were issued by the Office of Compliance on January 22, 1996, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 86-380, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations: Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey.

At 4:52 p.m. a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the resolution (H. Res. 402) returning to the Senate the bill (S. 1463) to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to clarify the definitions of domestic industry and like articles in certain investigations involving perishable agricultural products, and for other purposes, in the opinion of this House, contravenes the first clause of the seventh section of the

first article of the Constitution of the United States and is an infringement of the privileges of this House and that such bill be respectfully returned with a message communicating this resolution.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3103. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, to simplify the administration of health insurance, 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-2205. A communication from the Chairman and the Finance Committee Chairman, transmitting jointly, the revised budget request and supplemental appropriation request for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2206. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Selected Acquisition Reports for the period October 1 through December 31, 1995; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2207. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act for the period February 1, 1995 through January 31, 1996; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2208. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on finance charges under the Truth in Lending Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2209. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2210. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2211. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on appropriations legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2212. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on appropriations legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2213. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget,

the Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on appropriations legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2214. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on appropriations legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2215. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the intention to make refunds of offshore lease revenues where a refund or recoupment is appropriate; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2216. A communication from the Commissioner of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a report of an overrun of projected cost for Ochoco Dam, Crooked River Project, Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2217. A communication from the Chairman of the International Trade Commission, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to provide authorization of appropriations for the United States International Trade Commission for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2218. A communication from the Chairman of the Physician Payment Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 1743. A bill to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to extend the authorizations of appropriations through fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-252).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 2243. A bill to amend the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984, to extend for three years the availability of moneys for the restoration of fish and wildlife in the Trinity River, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-253).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. NUNN) (by request):

S. 1672. A bill to make various changes to laws affecting the management and operations of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

S. 1673. A bill to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for Fiscal Year 1997, to authorize certain construction at military installations for Fiscal Year 1997, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. PRESSLER, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1674. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the applicability

of the first-time farmer exception; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMM (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. FAIRCLOTH):

S. 1675. A bill to provide for the nationwide tracking of convicted sexual predators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FAIRCLOTH (for himself and Mr. HELMS):

S. 1676. A bill to permit the current refunding of certain tax-exempt bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1677. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish the United States Citizenship Promotion Agency within the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAMS (for himself, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1678. A bill to abolish the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ROBB:

S. Res. 243. A resolution to designate the week of May 5, 1996, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FORD (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 244. A resolution to commend and congratulate the University of Kentucky on its men's basketball team winning its sixth National Collegiate Athletic Association championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. DOLE):

S. Res. 245. A resolution making majority party appointments to the Labor and Human Resources Committee; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. NUNN) (by request):

S. 1672. A bill to make various changes to laws affecting the management and operations of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE LEGISLATION

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, by request, for myself and the senior Senator from Georgia [Mr. NUNN], I introduce, for appropriate reference, a bill to make various changes to laws affecting the management and operations of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

I ask unanimous consent that a letter of transmittal requesting consideration of the legislation and a section-by-section analysis explaining its purpose be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows: