

recall, on March 7, 1996, Judge Andewelt of the Court of Federal Claims ruled that Dr. Braude had been blacklisted by the Federal Government during the 1950s and 1960s on the basis of spurious allegations of disloyalty and that her state therefore had an equitable claim for compensation from the United States for the wrongs she suffered.

In its opinion, the court left open the amount of compensation due. Following negotiations with the Justice Department, the parties stipulated to \$200,000 as the appropriate amount of compensation. On June 3, 1996, Judge Andewelt issued his final report, "recommending to Congress that plaintiff's equitably entitled to \$200,000 from the United States." For your convenience, I have attached copies of the March 7 and June 3 rulings.

The next, and final, step in the Congressional Reference regarding Dr. Braude's case is submission of the final report issued by Judge Andewelt to a review panel composed of three judges of the Court of Federal Claims. See 28 U.S.C. §2509(d). This review should complete the Congressional Reference and result in transmission of a final report on Dr. Braude's case back to the Senate. See 28 U.S.C. §2509(e).

It is unclear how long the review panel will take with Dr. Braude's case. However, both the Justice Department and plaintiff have submitted a notice of acceptance of the hearing officer's report, and therefore neither party is seeking review or otherwise raising any objections or issues for the review panel to address. It is our hope that, in the light of both parties' acceptance of Judge Andewelt's report, that report will be adopted by the review panel expeditiously and without modification. It is thus our hope that the Senate will shortly be receiving a final report on Dr. Braude's case indicating that she is equitably due \$200,000 as a result of her wrongful blacklisting from government employment.

It is our understanding that payment of Dr. Braude's claim requires an appropriation from Congress. (In the alternative, it may be possible, if funds are already available, for her claim to be paid pursuant to a directive of Congress). For this reason, we urge you to discuss her case, and Judge Andewelt's favorite report, with members of the Appropriations Committee, and, more specifically, with the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and State. We understand that the Subcommittee has not yet scheduled a mark-up of its FY 1997 Appropriations Bill. We would be happy to accompany you to any meeting with the Staff and urge you to request that the Subcommittee bill include funding for Dr. Braude's claim.

Thank you again for your interest and assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call me or Joan Kutcher if we can be of any further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

CHRISTOPHER SIPES.

#### THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, June 18, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,118,200,749,524.53.

On a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$19,306.24 as his or her share of that debt.

#### HONORING THE RAGSDALES FOR CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, families are the cornerstone of America.

The data is undeniable: individuals from strong families contribute to the society. In an era when nearly half of all couples married today will see their union dissolve into divorce, I believe it is both instructive and important to honor those who have taken the commitment of "till death us do part" seriously, demonstrating successfully the timeless principles of love, honor, and fidelity. These characteristics make our country strong.

For these important reasons, I rise today to honor Mr. Gene and Mrs. Vieta Ragsdale of Marshfield, MO, who on July 13, 1996, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. My wife, Janet, and I look forward to the day we can celebrate a similar milestone. Gene and Vieta's commitment to the principles and values of their marriage deserves to be saluted and recognized. I wish them and their family all the best as they celebrate this substantial marker on their journey together.

#### EARL VARNEY

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a most wonderful man and a dear friend of mine, Earl Varney. Earl Varney, a World War I Army veteran, will be honored by the community of Worland, WY, on Military Day, June 29, 1996. Earl will have celebrated his 100th birthday by that day! He is the oldest living veteran of that conflict now residing in Washakie County and quite possibly in the State of Wyoming.

Earl is absolutely an extraordinarily dazzling man. He is Wyoming's answer to George Burns! He has all of the energy, graciousness, wit and good humor and civility of George BURNS himself—and especially the wit! His good humor reminds me of the old adage that my Mother, who Earl knew well, used to share with me—"Humor is the universal solvent against the abrasive elements of life."

My dear father, Milward Simpson, also loved Earl Varney. They used to have a helluva lot of fun together. They were contemporaries in every sense. They were veterans of World War I, great friends and business associates. They also worked together in the American Legion. They had a shared and splendid lifetime of friendship and memories and love and affection. When my Dad died at the age of 95, Earl was one of the first to respond to offer his condolences.

In addition to personally knowing my parents and grandparents, Earl knew the parents and grandparents of my dear wife, Ann. He was at her parents' wedding. He is such a thoughtful and kind man, too, as he always remembers others and the memorable dates and times in their lives.

Earl served this Nation proudly in the final months of World War I before the Armistice. His dates of service were September 18, 1918 to November 26, 1918. He achieved the rank of Corporal. Not only did Earl give to the Nation in

uniform, he has also been a great contributor to the good of the entire State of Wyoming. He was born in Ansley, Nebraska on June 14, 1896 but he went on to become a true Wyomingite. After release from the Army in 1918, Earl moved to Thermopolis, WY, and worked as a pharmacist in the local drug store where he first met my wife's father, Ivan Schroll. His other professions over the years included managing a finance and insurance office in Greybull, Wyoming, owning the Varney Motors Ford dealership in Worland, WY, and operating the Worland Oil Corporations-Mobil Bulkplant and Service Stations. He also worked in real estate. Earl didn't really embark on any kind of a retirement program until he reached his mid 80's!!

We are so very fortunate to have Earl living among us in Wyoming. Earl is one of those special people that make up the core and fiber of the State—one of nature's nobleman. I cherish the years I have been the beneficiary of his counsel and friendship. My life is richer because of him. Those of us who know him so well think of him always as a rock solid citizen and a man who is authentic, honest and sincere—a man whose word is his bond. I know the proud community of Worland, WY, will be making June 29 a very special day for this good and dear man—Earl Varney. He so richly deserves it. God bless him.

#### REPUBLICANS STAND FOR CHILDREN

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, today I would like to address a subject that has received much attention during the last several weeks—the future of our children.

As a father myself, I share the concerns of the many who recently marched on The Mall this month at the Stand for Children rally. Certainly, parents, families, teachers, and community leaders all agree that children should be protected and nurtured. This is a universal sentiment. We all stand for children. Every child deserves a safe and loving environment, adequate nutrition and a full education.

Child poverty and its related problems, such as hunger, certainly deserve our attention. Child poverty is an especially pressing problem in South Dakota, where unemployment in some areas reaches as high as 85 percent. According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, 17 percent of all South Dakota children live in poverty, compared to 21 percent nationwide. Federal programs are designed to address these issues and many states like South Dakota are doing an admirable job. Child poverty has dropped 3 percent in my State since 1985.

Looking out for the best interests of children is not a partisan issue. The budgets passed in Congress demonstrate that we are protecting children. Child nutrition programs received an increase in this fiscal year—

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 receive the sustenance 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 of 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 as well. 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 an albatross 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 PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, 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 a treaty.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:45 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2803. An act to amend the anti-car theft provisions of title 49, United States Code, to increase the utility of motor vehicle title information to State and Federal law enforcement officials, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3525. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the Federal jurisdiction over offenses relating to damage to religious property.

H.R. 3572. An act to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 which crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge."

At 6:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1579. An Act to streamline and improve the effectiveness of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code (commonly referred to as the "Single Audit Act").

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3572. An act to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 which crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measures were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3060. An act to implement the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty.

H.R. 3562. An act to authorize the State of Wisconsin to implement the demonstration project known as "Wisconsin Works."

#### 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 "Spear-mint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class I (Scotch) Spear-mint Oil for the 1995-96 Marketing Year," received on June 11, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3046. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Order—Amendment of the Rules and Regulations to Add HTS Code for Flavored Honey," (FV-96-701) received on June 11, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3047. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Mediterranean fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Areas," received on June 14, 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 "Tobacco Inspection; Grower's Referendum Results," (TB-95-15) 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 Results," (TB-95-13) 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 "Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Assessment Rate," (FV96-982-1) 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 "Increased Assessment Rate for Domestically Produced Peanuts Handled by Persons not Subject to Peanut Marketing Agreement No. 146 and for Marketing Agreement No. 146 Regulating the Quality of Domestically Produced Peanuts," (FV96-998-1) 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," (FV-96-922-1) 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," (FV-96-922-1) received on June 18, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3055. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Assessment Rate," (FV-96-948-1) received on June 18, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.