

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.

EC-3056. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Fresh Cut Flowers and Fresh Cut Greens Promotion and Consumer Information Order—Postponement of Assessments," (FV-96-702) received on June 18, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3057. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Cranberries Grown in States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in the State of New York," (FV-96-929-1) received on June 18, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3058. 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 "Viruses, Serums and Toxins and Analogous Products; Master Labels," received on June 17, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3059. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on foreign economic collection and industrial espionage; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-3060. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Commerce Trade and Investment Programs; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3061. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of determination and findings relative to the authority to award a contract; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3062. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of determination and findings relative to the authority to award a contract; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3063. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the major rule entitled "The Withdrawal of Employer-Employee and Computer Loan Origination Systems Exemptions," received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3064. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules including a rule entitled "Section 8 Tenant-Based Programs," received on June 11, 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3065. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3066. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, drafts of proposed legislation entitled "The FHA Multifamily Housing Reform Act of 1996" and "The Housing Enforcement Act of 1996"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3067. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The FHA Single Family Housing Reform Act of 1996"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3068. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Community Development Block Grant Performance Fund and HOME Performance Fund Act of 1996"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3069. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Homeless Assistance Performance Fund Act of 1996"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3070. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Expanding Housing Choices for HUD-Assisted Families"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3071. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "The Assessment of the Comprehensive Grant Program"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3072. A communication from the Acting Director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to Presidential Determination 96-27; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3073. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sixth special impoundment message for fiscal year 1996; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3074. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals dated June 11, 1996; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to the Committee on Armed Services, to the Committee on Finance, to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3075. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Legislative Liaison (Programs and Legislative Division), Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a cost comparison study relative to the Base Operating Support at all Air Force Bases; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3076. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Legislative Liaison (Programs and Legislative Division), Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a multi-function cost comparison study relative to training equipment maintenance and the precision measurement laboratory at Kessler Air Force Base, MS; to the Committee on Armed Services.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-600. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Georgia; to the Committee on Finance.

"SENATE RESOLUTION 288

"Whereas, it is estimated 37 million Americans are without health insurance, many

while between jobs, and more are underinsured because of the effects of rising health care costs and spending. The costs of health care are escalating, forcing employers to trim the level and availability of health care benefits to their employees; and

"Whereas, overutilization of health care services for relatively small claims is one of the most significant causes of health care cost and spending increases. Currently, more than two-thirds of all insurance claims for medical spending are less than \$3,000.00 per family per year in this country; and

"Whereas, in response to the runaway cost increases on health care spending in this country, the private sector has developed the concept of medical savings accounts. This initiative is designed to ensure health insurance availability for Americans. It is predicated on providing incentives to eliminate unnecessary medical treatment and encourage competition in seeking health care; and

"Whereas, through employer-funded medical savings account arrangements and reduced cost qualified higher deductible insurance policies, millions of Americans could insure themselves for both routine and major medical services. Under the concept of medical savings accounts, an employer currently providing employee health care benefits would purchase instead a low-cost, high deductible major medical policy on each employee. The employer may then set aside the saving premium differential in a medical savings account arrangement. The participating employees would use the money in the account to pay their medical care expenses up to the deductible. However, any account money unspent by the participating employees in a plan year would then belong to the employees to save, spend on medical care, or use otherwise. This would be a strong incentive for people not to abuse health expenditures and to institute "cost-shopping" for medical care services; and

"Whereas, by setting aside money for employees to spend on health care, employees could change jobs and use the money they had so far earned to buy interim health insurance or to cover health care expenses thereby eliminating the problems of uninsured between jobs and helping to reduce "job-lock"; and

"Whereas, by making medical care decisions the employee's prerogative, individual policyholders have a strong stake in reducing costs. This simple financial mechanism will expand health insurance options to others who presently have no insurance. Most importantly, this move to decrease health care cost burdens in this country would require no new federal bureaucracy and would be revenue neutral to employers; Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this body encourage the Congress of the United States to enact legislation swiftly and in good faith to enable Americans to establish medical savings accounts; be it further

"Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and all members of the Georgia congressional delegation."

POM-601. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia; to the Committee on Finance.

"HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 227

"Whereas, tax-exempt industrial development bonds play a critical role in promoting economic development in the Commonwealth; and