

working with him, when Steve served as the deputy counsel on Indian affairs for the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs under Chairman GEORGE MILLER. Later he became the counsel to the Subcommittee on Native American Affairs of the Natural Resources Committee of the House. Steve returned to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in 1995 to become Chairman MCCAIN's staff director and chief counsel.

His lengthy list of accomplishments represents the kind of man Steve is: hard working and committed to Indian Country. Steve's work on environmental issues in Indian country includes the Clean Water and Clean Air Act amendments, solid waste disposal, leaking underground storage tanks and the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act. His broad range of knowledge was crucial in passing the Self-Determination Act amendments, as well as self-governance legislation, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the Navajo-Hopi Settlement Act.

Steve's work to reauthorize the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, his work with tribal courts and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act show his concern for native Americans and most important, our mutual heritage. The work that has been important to Steve was the work that was important to Indian people across this country. Much of his work, including reorganizing the Bureau of Indian Affairs and amendments to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act is not yet complete, but his mark will certainly be on the changes when they do occur.

Steve's work on behalf of Indian people goes back before his time here in Washington. He served as the assistant general counsel for the Gila River community in Arizona and was a staff attorney for the Four Rivers Indian Legal Services Program at Gila River. Now, Steve is going back to Arizona, where I'm sure he's been missed, as we're going to miss him here.

I would like to offer my personal thanks to Steve for the invaluable service he has provided to me as I took over as Chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee. His wise counsel to both me and my staff has made a difficult job more easy and has helped to make sure that the leadership Senator MCCAIN brought to this committee will continue.

Steve has been an outstanding advocate, leader, and friend to Indian country. On behalf of all of us who have been lucky enough to work him, we thank him, we wish him good luck, and we look forward to working together again.

SALUTE TO THE BIG TEN CHAMPIONS MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I rise today and I want to pay tribute to the University of Minnesota basketball

team, who last night clinched their first Big Ten title in 15 years.

As you know, the Golden Gophers defeated the Michigan Wolverines 55 to 54, in a hard-fought, come-from-behind victory. Down by four with under a minute to play, the Gophers' confidence, determination, and faith led them to victory. This is truly an accomplishment that all Minnesotans can be proud of. Under the leadership of coach Clem Haskins, the Gophers have shot, rebounded, and passed their way into the national spotlight as a team to be taken seriously in the upcoming NCAA tournament.

With the great play of senior guard Bobby Jackson, junior guard Eric Harris, junior forward Sam Jacobson, and senior co-captain centers John Thomas and Trevor Winter, along with the rest of the Big Ten championship team, the Golden Gophers have set a school record 25 victories in a single season, with three regular season games to play. Among the notable accomplishments this team has achieved have been their two victories over Michigan, an overtime victory over Indiana, and a season sweep over our border rival Iowa Hawkeyes. This team has been on a mission all year to gain respect, not only from the Big Ten but also from the Nation, after having all its starters returning from last year from a team that was not invited to play in the NCAA tournament. As you can see, these Golden Gophers took matters into their own hands and earned the qualifying bid from the NCAA by winning the Big Ten title outright.

From the land of 10,000 frozen lakes, this Minnesota Golden Gopher basketball team has provided warmth and excitement to fans statewide in an otherwise very cold and long Minnesota winter. Again, Mr. President, I want to congratulate Clem Haskins and his Big Ten championship team from the University of Minnesota, and wish them all the best in their final regular season games and when they go for it all in the upcoming NCAA tournament.

Mr. FORD. Will the Senator yield for a question?

Mr. GRAMS. I am happy to yield.

Mr. FORD. Does the Senator know where Clem Haskins got his training? Western Kentucky University. He was also a coach at Western Kentucky University. I am tickled to death that he gave such improvement to the great State of Minnesota.

Mr. GRAMS. So are we.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, February 26, the Federal debt stood at \$5,345,590,198,251.20.

One year ago, February 26, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,016,711,000,000.

Five years ago, February 26, 1992, the Federal debt stood at \$3,828,590,000,000.

Fifteen years ago, February 26, 1982, the Federal debt stood at

\$1,048,207,000,000 which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,297,383,198,251.20—during the past 15 years.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 Committee on Armed Services.

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

REPORT OF THE NOTICE OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELATING TO CUBA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 18

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared with respect to the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba on February 24, 1996, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 1997, to the *Federal Register* for publication.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 27, 1997.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 36. Joint resolution approving the Presidential finding that the limitation on obligations imposed by section 518A(a) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997, is having a negative impact on the proper functioning of the population planning program.

The message also stated that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 497. An act to repeal the Federal charter of Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc., and for other purposes.

H.R. 624. An act to amend the Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Act of 1993 to clarify certain requirements and to improve the flow of interstate commerce.

H.R. 668. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the Airport and Airway Trust Fund excise taxes, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 4:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 499. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service under construction at 7411 Barlite Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Frank M. Tejeda Post Office Building."

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

At 6:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to the provisions of 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. MCCREY.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 624. An act to amend the Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Act of 1993 to clarify certain requirements and to improve the flow of interstate commerce; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 668. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the Airport and airway trust fund excise tax, and for other purposes.

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-33. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington; to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4006

Whereas, more than three thousand eight hundred women in Washington will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year; and

Whereas, nearly one thousand women in Washington lost their lives to breast cancer in 1996; and

Whereas, women who die from breast cancer lose an average of twenty years of their life; and

Whereas, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women; and

Whereas, the medical treatment costs of breast cancer nation-wide total over six billion dollars annually; and

Whereas, underfunded research into the causes of breast cancer have not yet determined a cause, prevention, or cure for the disease; and

Whereas, research into the cause and cure for all cancers totals only one-tenth of one percent of the federal budget; and

Whereas, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington honor and support the American Cancer Society's "Campaign 2.6" signature drive: Now, therefore, your Memorialists respectfully pray that the President of the United States and members of the United States Congress recommit to eradicating breast cancer by investing two billion six million dollars in breast cancer research between now and January 1, 2000, and mandate that cancer activists be among those who decide how that money is appropriated; be it

Resolved, That Copies of the Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States; the Honorable Patty Murray, United States Senator; the Honorable Linda Smith, United States Representative; John Seffrin of the American Cancer Society National Home Office; Sherry Bailey of the American Cancer Society National Home Office; Fran Visco of the National Breast Cancer Coalition; Willie Stewart, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Western Pacific Division of the American Cancer Society; Ann Marie Pomerinke, Chief Executive Officer, Western Pacific Division of the American Cancer Society; Theresa Miller of the Breast Cancer Task Force of the Western Pacific Division of the American Cancer Society; Deb Schiro of the division office of the Western Pacific Division of the American Cancer Society; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-34. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Armed Services.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Base Closure and Realignment Commission was created pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 to study the viability of United States military installations and to issue reports regarding the closure and realignment of select installations; and

Whereas, the commission thoroughly reviewed data and input from all interested parties, including the Department of Defense, which recommended Tobyhanna Army Depot for increased mission responsibility; and

Whereas, in its final deliberations, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission concurred with the efficiency and productivity analyses of the Tobyhanna Army Depot work force; and

Whereas, the commission issued a report to the President of the United States on July 1, 1995, which recommended the transfer of the ground communications-electronics workload from the Sacramento Air Logistics Center, California, to the Tobyhanna Army Depot; and

Whereas, in recommending that the McClellan Air Force Base, Sacramento, California, should be closed, the commission directed that its ground communications-electronics workload transfer to Tobyhanna Army Depot; and

Whereas, this recommendation and others included in the commission's 1995 report were accepted by the President, submitted to the Congress of the United States and signed

as the Base Closure and Realignment Report of 1995 on July 13, 1995; and

Whereas, the commission's report indicated that the Tobyhanna Army Depot can perform the ground communications-electronics workload just as efficiently and more cost effective than the Sacramento Air Logistics Center; and

Whereas, the Tobyhanna Army Depot has proven to be one of the United States' most cost-effective installations; and

Whereas, the transfer of the ground communications-electronics workload to the Tobyhanna Army Depot would involve the movement of approximately 900 positions to the Tobyhanna Army Depot; and

Whereas, these 900 positions constitute a significant staff complement for the Tobyhanna Army Depot, although these 900 positions represent less than 10% of the total complement based at the Sacramento Air Logistics Center; and

Whereas, the Tobyhanna Army Depot is northeastern Pennsylvania's largest employer, and the transfer of these 900 positions would represent an important influx to the regional economy; and

Whereas, the Tobyhanna Army Depot has the capacity, capability and skills necessary to immediately perform a significant portion of the Sacramento Air Logistics Center's ground communications-electronics workload; and

Whereas, the Base Closure and Realignment Report of 1995 required that the President of the United States initiative workload transfers no later than July 13, 1997, and complete those transfers no later than July 13, 2001; and

Whereas, at the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense, the President of the United States of America accepted these decisions; and

Whereas, the transfer of the 900 ground communications-electronics positions to Tobyhanna Army Depot has not been initiated, even though this transfer was approved by the President of the United States and shown to be in the interests of cost-effectiveness and military efficiency; and

Whereas, it is apparent that leaders in the state of California seek to delay or prevent the movement of the ground communications-electronics workload to Tobyhanna; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been severely impacted by the Department of Defense base closure process in each round from 1988 to 1996 and has not sought special protection from these impacts; and

Whereas, these efforts by the elected officials of California will violate the intention of the 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, negate annual savings of \$160 million and impact the readiness of the nation's armed forces; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the President of the United States to effect the immediate transfer of the ground communications-electronics workload from the Sacramento Air Logistics Center to the Tobyhanna Army Depot; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-35. A resolution adopted by the Puer Rican Bar Association Board of Directors relative to opposition to the Death Penalty; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-36. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislative of the State of Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.