

Members tend to offer. At the very latest we hope those amendments would be filed by noon tomorrow. We have a vote scheduled for 9:30, and Senators to some extent may be arriving back at this time. Certainly as an indicator from past practice Senators will be here tomorrow morning to vote at 9:30, so we hope that Senators would let us have those amendments so that we could plan the conclusion of the bill, sequence the amendments and try to conclude this bill by the end of business tomorrow, Wednesday night.

I thank the Chair, and in the absence of any other Senator seeking recognition, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### DR. LARRY A. DONOSO

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Larry A. Donoso, M.D., Ph.D., director of research at Wills Eye Hospital, in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Donoso is a world renowned ophthalmologist, a native son of the State of Utah, and a proud graduate of the University of Utah School of Medicine.

Recently, Dr. Donoso was honored by the Queens Medical Center at the University of Nottingham, one of the United Kingdom's most prestigious academic medical centers. There they established the Larry A. Donoso Eye Research Laboratory in recognition of his long collaboration in the establishment of the new laboratory, and his efforts to advance eye treatment for patients around the world. He is the first American to be so honored by the Queens Medical Center. Both the city of Philadelphia and the Senate of the State of Pennsylvania have acknowledged the significance of this award, and the breadth of his contributions to the field of ophthalmology.

Dr. Donoso is being lauded for his vast contributions as a premier research scientist, compassionate medical doctor, and extraordinary teacher. Having graduated from East High School in Salt Lake City, Dr. Donoso received his bachelors degree from the University of Utah in 1965. The School of Medicine conferred his Ph.D. in 1971 and his medical degree in 1973. He also went on to complete his clinical resi-

dency training in ophthalmology at Utah before joining the faculty of the Wills Eye Hospital in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Larry Donoso, or "LD" as his friends affectionately call him, is an extraordinary eye researcher who has worked tirelessly over the last 30 years to advance the reputation of Wills Eye Hospital among the international medical community. His career accomplishments have been honored by the city of Philadelphia, the Senate of the State of Pennsylvania, and the Queens Medical Center at the University of Nottingham in England. I wanted my colleagues to be aware of these outstanding achievements, which, I hope, will serve as inspiration to us all.

#### THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Friday, August 29, 1997, the Federal debt stood at \$5,404,420,294,885.51. (Five trillion, four hundred four billion, four hundred twenty million, two hundred ninety-four thousand, eight hundred eighty-five dollars, and fifty-one cents).

One year ago, August 29, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,213,489,000,000 (Five trillion, two hundred thirteen billion, four hundred eighty-nine million dollars).

Twenty-five years ago, August 29, 1972, the Federal debt stood at \$436,812,000,000 (Four hundred thirty-six billion, eight hundred twelve million dollars) which reflects a debt increase of nearly \$5 trillion—\$4,967,608,294,885.51 (Four trillion, nine hundred sixty-seven billion, six hundred eight million, two hundred ninety-four thousand, eight hundred eighty-five dollars and fifty-one cents) during the past 25 years.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF CHERYL HUFF'S 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, it is an honor to serve the people of Missouri and this great country. One of the privileges I have as a Missouri Senator is to recognize those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to the State of Missouri. For 25 years, Cheryl Huff, of Mexico, MO, has served faithfully the people of Missouri through the Division of Youth Services.

Within the Missouri Department of Social Services, the Division of Youth Services is the State agency responsible for the care and treatment of youth, committed to its custody by one of Missouri's 45 juvenile courts. This State agency operates treatment programs ranging from nonresidential day treatment centers to secure residential institutions.

The 1889 establishment of the Training School for Boys in Boonville and the Training School for Girls in Chillicothe marked the foundation of the division of youth services. It was at the Training School for Boys in Boonville,

a quarter of a century ago, that Cheryl began her service. She is widely respected by peers for her sound judgment and personal integrity. During her tenure, Cheryl has distinguished herself among her colleagues as an efficient and effective caretaker of Missouri's most precious resource—its children.

The recognition of Cheryl for her commitment to Missouri's children simply mirrors her dedication to her own family. While the accomplishments of a successful career are important to her, those who know Cheryl would be the first to point out that her career is secondary to her love of family. The lasting legacy of Cheryl's life is apparent in the time, energy, and resources she has invested in her children. She exemplifies the highest commitment to relentless dedication and sacrifice.

Cheryl, the grateful State of Missouri offers you these simple words of appreciation: Thank you.

#### 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 appropriate committees.

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

#### REPORT RELATIVE TO TAX BENEFITS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE—PM 60

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Senate on August 11, 1997, received a message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred jointly, pursuant to Public Law 93-344 as amended, to the Committee on the Budget and to the Committee on Finance.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

Washington, August 11, 1997.

Hon. ALBERT GORE, Jr.

President of the Senate,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: In accordance with the Line Item Veto Act, I hereby cancel two limited tax benefits, as specified in the attached reports, contained in the "Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997" (Public Law 105-34; H.R. 2014). I have determined that each of these cancellations will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest. This letter, together with its attachments, constitutes a special message under section 1022 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, as amended.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

REPORT RELATIVE TO DIRECT SPENDING—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE—PM 61

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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington, August 11, 1997.

Hon. ALBERT GORE, JR.  
President of the Senate,  
Washington, DC

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: In accordance with the Line Item Veto Act, I hereby cancel one item of new direct spending, as specified in the attached report, contained in the "Balanced Budget Act of 1997" (Public Law 105-33; H.R. 2015). I have determined that this cancellation will reduce the Federal budget deficit, will not impair any essential Government functions, and will not harm the national interest. This letter, together with its attachment, constitutes a special message under section 1022 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, as amended.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE  
RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 1, 1997, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution:

S. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent resolution urging the United States Trade Representative immediately to take all the appropriate action with regards to Mexico's imposition of antidumping duties on United States high fructose corn syrup.

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 408. An act to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, and for other purposes.

H.R. 584. An act for the relief of John Wesley Davis.

H.R. 1198. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the City of Grants Pass, Oregon.

H.R. 1585. An act to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breast cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps, and for other purposes.

H.R. An act to provide for a land exchange involving the Warner Canyon Ski Area and other land in the State of Oregon.

H.R. 2014. A act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(2) and (d) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998

H.R. 2015. A act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the current resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the enrolled bills were signed on August 1, 1997, during the adjournment of the Senate by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

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-2699. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, a report relative to an outsourcing study; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2700. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning direct spending or receipts legislation within five days of enactment date July 31, 1997; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2701. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning direct spending or receipts legislation within five days of enactment date July 23, 1997; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2702. A communication from the Director of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Privacy Program" received on July 30, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2703. A communication from the Employee Benefits Manager of the AgFirst Farm Credit Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Federal pension plan for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2704. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a notice of a proposed issuance of an export license; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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EC-2706. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a notice of a proposed issuance of an export license; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2707. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, the report of the texts of international agreements, other than treaties, and background statements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2708. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of U.S. contributions to international organizations for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2709. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General (Office of Policy Development), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules including a rule entitled "Final Guidelines for Megan's Law" (RIN1105-AA50) received on July 28, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2710. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United

States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the U.S.; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2711. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The WIPO Copyright and Performances and Phonograms Treaty Implementation Act of 1997"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2712. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice on leasing systems; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2713. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules including a rule entitled "Missouri Regulatory Program" (MO032FOR, UT035FOR) received on July 30, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2714. A communication from the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual energy review for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2715. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the nondisclosure of safeguards information for the period April 1 through June 30, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2716. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on July 30, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2717. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Bupropion" (FRL5732-1) received on July 29, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2718. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules received on July 25, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2719. A communication from the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants" (RIN1018-AD39) received on July 25, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2720. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Iranian Transactions Regulations" received on July 30, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2721. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Blocked Persons" received on July 30, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2722. A communication from the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on enforcement actions and initiatives for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2723. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union