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Five years ago, September 9, 1992, the Federal debt stood at \$4,038,419,000,000. (Four trillion, thirty-eight billion, four hundred nineteen million)

Ten years ago, September 9, 1987, the Federal debt stood at \$2,359,979,000,000. (Two trillion, three hundred fifty-nine billion, nine hundred seventy-nine million)

Fifteen years ago, September 9, 1982, the Federal debt stood at \$1,110,794,000,000 (One trillion, one hundred ten billion, seven hundred ninety-four million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,297,649,156,374.66 (Four trillion, two hundred ninety-seven billion, six hundred forty-nine million, one hundred fifty-six thousand, three hundred seventy-four dollars and sixty-six cents) 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 RELATIVE TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 64

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 Foreign Relations.

To the Congress of the United States:

This report is submitted pursuant to 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6) (the "CDA"), as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, Public Law 104-114 (March 12, 1996), 110 Stat. 785, 22 U.S.C. 6021-91 (the "LIBERTAD Act"), which requires that I report to the Congress on a semiannual basis detailing payments made to Cuba by any United States person as a result of the provision of telecommunications services authorized by this subsection.

The CDA, which provides that telecommunications services are permitted between the United States and Cuba, specifically authorizes the President to provide for payments to Cuba by li-

cense. The CDA states that licenses may be issued for full or partial settlement of telecommunications services with Cuba, but may not require any withdrawal from a blocked account. Following enactment of the CDA on October 23, 1992, a number of U.S. telecommunications companies successfully negotiated agreements to provide telecommunications services between the United States and Cuba consistent with policy guidelines developed by the Department of State and the Federal Communications Commission.

Subsequent to enactment of the CDA, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) amended the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 515 (the "CACR"), to provide for specific licensing on a case-by-case basis for certain transactions incident to the receipt or transmission of telecommunications between the United States and Cuba, 31 C.F.R. 515.542(c), including settlement of charges under traffic agreements.

The OFAC has issued eight licenses authorizing transactions incident to the receipt or transmission of the telecommunications between the United States and Cuba since the enactment of the CDA. None of these licenses permits payments to the Government of Cuba from a blocked account. For the period January 1 through June 30, 1997, OFAC-licensed U.S. carriers reported payments to the Government of Cuba in settlement of charges under telecommunications traffic agreements as follows:

AT&T Corporation (formally, American Telephone and Telegraph Company)	\$13,997,179
AT&T de Puerto Rico	274,470
Global One (formerly, Sprint Incorporated)	4,857,205
IDB WorldCom Services, Inc. (formerly, IDB Communications, Inc.)	1,427,078
MCI International, Inc. (formerly, MCI Communications Corporation) ...	4,066,925
Telefonica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico, Inc.	113,668
WilTel, Inc. (formerly, WilTel Underseas, Cable, Inc)	5,032,250
WorldCom, Inc. (formerly, LDDS Communications, Inc.)	1,378,502
total	31,143,432

I shall continue to report semiannually on telecommunications payments to the Government of Cuba from United States persons.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 10, 1997.

MEASURES REFERRED

The Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of the following measure which was referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

S. 1124. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to establish provisions with respect to religious accommodation in employment, and for other purposes.

The Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following measure which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. Con. Res. 49. Concurrent resolution authorizing use of the Capitol Grounds for "America Recycles Day" national kick-off campaign.

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-2916. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Civil Works activities for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2917. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to repeal Section 808 of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2918. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the National Assessment Governing Board to develop policy for voluntary national tests in reading and mathematics; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2919. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule (RIN1890-AA04) received on September 5, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2920. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "CLIA Program: Fee Schedule Revision" (RIN0938-AG87) received on September 3, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2921. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Specific Requirements on Content and Format of Labeling for Human Prescription Drugs" (RIN0910-AA25) received on September 3, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2922. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals" received on September 3, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2923. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment Standards, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Government Contractors, Affirmative Action Requirements, Executive Order 11246" (RIN1215-AA01) received on August 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2924. A communication from the Inspector General of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, the report of the budget request for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2925. A communication from the Board Members of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, the report of the budget

request for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2926. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a notice of a retirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2927. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the F-22 program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2928. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to purchases from foreign entities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2929. A communication from the Director of the Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules received on September 3, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2930. A communication from the Director of the Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on September 9, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2931. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2932. A communication from the Director of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Administration and Management), transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments" received on September 4, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2933. A communication from the Director of the Department of Defense Washington Headquarters Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule (RIN0720-AA33) received on September 4, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2934. A communication from the Acquisition Executive, U.S. Special Operations Command, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a survivability test; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2935. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Military-Civilian Child-Care Partnerships"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2936. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Youth Programs"; 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-225. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Alabama; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

Whereas, on August 1, 1997, the Parents and Students Savings Accounts Plus Act was introduced with bipartisan support in both houses of the United States Congress; and

Whereas, the act would amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses and would increase the maximum annual amount of contributions for these accounts to two thousand dollars; further, the bill would specify education expenses as in-

cluding tuition, fees, tutoring, special needs services, books, supplies, equipment, and transportation costs; and

Whereas, the A+ Act was described as a common-sense way to give parents the financial freedom to choose the best school for their children without taking funds from the public school system and to help families provide the best learning environment and tools to every child in America; and

Whereas, this legislative body believes such legislation would be of significant benefit to our nation and would supply all of our children with a positive learning environment and the educational supplies necessary to succeed in school and life: Now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Alabama, That the United States Congress is respectfully encouraged to enact H.R. 2373, the Parents and Students Savings Accounts Plus Act: Be it

Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the President of the U.S. Senate, and each member of the Alabama Congressional Delegation, so that each official may know of our support and interest in this important legislation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. D'AMATO, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1026: A bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Rept. No. 105-76).

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal year 1998" (Rept. No. 105-77).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees was submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Katherine Milner Anderson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2000.

Sheila Foster Anthony, of Arkansas, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 1995.

Heidi H. Schulman, of California, to be Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2002.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services.

The following named officer for appointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade indicated under provisions of title 10, U.S.C., section 152:

To be general

General Henry H. Shelton, 4698.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be confirmed.)

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. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1158. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding the Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 1159. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding the Kake Tribal Corporation public interest land exchange, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN):

S. 1160. A bill to provide for educational facilities improvement; read the first time.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1161. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for refugee and entrant assistance for fiscal years 1998 and 1999; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. Res. 121. A resolution urging the discontinuance of financial assistance to the Palestinian Authority unless and until the Palestinian Authority demonstrates a 100-percent maximum effort to curtail terrorism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1158. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding the Huna Totem Corp. public interest land exchange, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

THE HUNA TOTEM CORPORATION LAND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1997

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise to introduce legislation today on behalf of the Huna Totem Corp. and the residents of Hoonah, AK.

This bill would require the Huna Totem Corp. to convey ownership of approximately 1,999 acres of land needed as a municipal watershed to the U.S. Forest Service. This will ensure that the residents of Hoonah, AK, have a reliable source of clean water. In exchange for these lands the Huna Totem Corp. will be allowed to select other lands readily accessible to Hoonah in order to fulfill their ANCSA entitlement. This legislation also requires the exchange of lands to be of equal value and provides for additional compensation if needed. Lastly, the legislation requires that any potential timber harvested from land acquired by Huna Totem Corp not be available for export.

Mr. President, the city of Hoonah is located in southeast Alaska on the northeast part of Chichagoff Island.