

Earmark of \$3,000,000 for the University of Nevada at Reno Earthquake Engineering Facility.

An additional \$35,000,000 to initiate a new strategy (which includes \$5,000,000 for activities at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, \$10,000,000 for Los Alamos National Laboratory, and \$20,000,000 for work at Sandia National Laboratory).

An additional \$15,000,000 for the Nevada Test Site.

An additional \$15,000,000 for future requirements at the Kansas City Plant compatible with the Advanced Development and Production Technologies [ADAPT] program and Enhanced Surveillance program.

An additional \$10,000,000 for core stockpile management weapon activities to support work load requirements at the Pantex plant in Amarillo, Texas.

An additional \$10,000,000 to address funding shortfalls in meeting environmental restoration Tri-Party Agreement compliance deadlines, and to accelerate interim safe storage of reactors along the Columbia River.

An additional \$10,000,000 for spent fuel activities related to the Idaho Settlement Agreement with the Department of Energy.

An additional \$30,000,000 for tank cleanup activities at the Hanford Site, WA.

An additional \$20,000,000 to Rocky Flats site, CO.

Total amount of Earmarks: \$531,124,000.

FISCAL YEAR 2000 ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the chairman and ranking member of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, Senators DOMENICI and REID, for the extraordinary work they have accomplished in bringing the FY2000 energy and water appropriations bill to the floor. While this bill funds a number of vastly important national security and economic development programs and initiatives, until this year it has been relatively non-controversial, in part because of the hard work of my colleagues, Senators DOMENICI and REID.

This year, however, they have had to operate under more difficult circumstances. They have had to fashion a bill from extremely limited resources. As reported by the Appropriations Committee, the bill provides \$21.2 billion in new budget authority—\$12.6 billion within defense activities and \$8.6 billion within nondefense. In the defense accounts, that represents a \$220 million increase over the President's budget request. In the nondefense accounts, however, it represents a reduction of \$608 million from the request. This includes decreases in funding for critical water projects.

As the distinguished chairman of the subcommittee noted in his opening remarks on Monday, this is the first time in his memory—and he has been here many years longer than this Senator from North Dakota—that less funding for water projects is provided than requested in the budget. This is a worrisome situation for many important and worthwhile flood control and other projects in the coming year, but that is also a situation forced upon this subcommittee, indeed on most subcommit-

tees, by the allocations received as a result of staying within the budget caps.

He also noted that he was unable to accommodate all of the funding requests of the members of this body. That was the case with this Senator, but I do want to note that he and his distinguished ranking member were able to fund a number of important flood control and water development projects in my home state of North Dakota.

For instance, as the city of Grand Forks continues its recovery from the devastating 1997 floods of the Red River, the city and State have developed a plan to reconstruct flood control dikes to protect the cities of Grand Forks, ND, and East Grand Forks, MN, from future floods. The city and State are matching Federal funds for this project, but this bill provides \$9 million in federal funds for initial construction.

It also funds the President's request of \$27 million for the Garrison Diversions project as well as over \$2 million in additional funds requested by me and Senator CONRAD for unmet water supply needs on our Indian reservations. The tribes have already reached their funding ceiling under existing authority for these needs and the Bureau of Reclamation has documented over \$200 million in critical unmet water development needs on three reservations. These funds will begin to make a dent in these needs.

I am also pleased that the bill recommends \$1 million for the Energy and Environmental Research Center, EERC, to conduct research relating to the integration of biomass with fossil fuels in conventional power systems to increase busload renewable electricity generation; development of practical methods for using biomass in advanced power systems; and improvement of efficiency and environmental performance in agricultural processing and forest-based product industries producing food, fiber, and chemicals. These funds will build upon the exciting research already being conducted at the nationally recognized EERC in Grand Forks.

The bill funds the President's request of \$5 million to purchase of easements and compensate landowners who in the Buford-Trenton area are unable to farm as a result of flooding and high water tables caused by siltation upriver from the Garrison Dam. In 1998, more than 1000 acres remained under water and represented an economic loss to the farmers and others in this area of hundreds of thousands of dollars. This year, the water level is higher and only continues to grow. This is a Federal responsibility and one which is only beginning to be met. The project was authorized in the 1996 Water Development Act at \$34 million and this represents continued progress for buying easements from willing sellers.

Finally, I appreciate the subcommittee's support for an amendment offered by me and Senator CONRAD to add

\$50,000 for a reevaluation study of the Grafton dikes project by the Army Corps of Engineers. Because the project was de-authorized, this report is needed. While not reauthorizing the project, these funds will help us jump start the process once the project is reauthorized.

Our water supply and flood control needs in North Dakota are many and growing. Not all of our requested needs are met by this bill, but this is a good bill and one I can support. I thank Chairman DOMENICI and Ranking Member REID for their support and look forward to working with them in conference.

I yield the floor.

FISCAL YEAR 2000 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today in strong support of the FY 2000 Military Construction Appropriations Bill. This legislation demonstrates a considerable investment in our military's infrastructure, and a strong commitment to improving the quality of life of our soldiers that will go a long way toward achieving retention and recruiting goals. I especially thank and acknowledge the efforts of the distinguished chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Senator STEVENS, the distinguished ranking member of the Appropriations Committee Senator BYRD, the chairman of the Military Construction Subcommittee, Senator BURNS, and ranking member, Senator MURRAY.

I am particularly pleased that the committee included \$1.9 million for the Armament Software Engineering Center, ASEC, at Picatinny Arsenal in my home State of New Jersey. Throughout our Nation's history, Picatinny Arsenal has provided our men and women with the high-technology weapons that have helped achieve our military victories. The new ASEC will consolidate many of the Arsenal's operations, thus enhancing Picatinny's capability to test and upgrade "smart" weapons. In 1998, the Senate supported ASEC by providing funds for the initial design, but unfortunately, the Army has not yet moved forward with the project. I am pleased by the Senate's renewed support of the Center, and look forward to working with the Subcommittee and the Army to ensure that this state-of-the-art facility becomes a reality.

I also express my support for the committee's inclusion of \$11.8 million to modernize several facilities at the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, USMAPS, at Fort Monmouth. Currently, the cadets attending USMAPS are housed in sub-standard facilities which have not been modernized since 1979. This funding will provide for much needed improvements that will allow USMAPS to continue training cadets for the Army and admittance into the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

I am extremely pleased by the Senate's support of the ACFT/Platform Interface Lab, API Lab, at the Lakehurst Naval Air Warfare Center. The inclusion of \$15.71 million for this project will allow for the consolidation of 14 labs and 5 different 40-70 year old facilities to build the new modern API lab. The consolidation of these facilities in one location will result in greater productivity and efficiency, and an increased ability for Lakehurst to fulfill its mission of ensuring our military's aircraft can take off and land safely from all Navy ships.

I thank the committee for supporting several projects at two other critical bases in my State. First, the \$5.6 million provided for the Centralized Tactical Vehicle Wash Facility at Fort Dix will increase our ability to prepare military vehicles for missions overseas. Second, the funding for a Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Hangar, Visiting Quarters and additional units of housing at McGuire Air Force Base will improve the standard of living and increase productivity throughout the base.

Finally, while I am supportive of the projects included in this legislation, I look forward to working with the community to identify additional funding for another important project that was not included in the bill. This project, the National Guard Bureau Training and Training Technology Battle Lab, T3BL, at Fort Dix, will allow the Army National Guard to conduct cutting edge training through the application and use of critical training, aides, devices, simulators, and simulation. Currently, \$9.5 million is needed to begin the second phase construction of the lab.

Mr. President, I again thank the distinguished chairman, Ranking Member BYRD, Chairman BURNS, and Ranking Member MURRAY for their commitment and attention to these important issues.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, June 16, 1999, the federal debt stood at \$5,581,245,428,829.42 (Five trillion, five hundred eighty-one billion, two hundred forty-five million, four hundred twenty-eight thousand, eight hundred twenty-nine dollars and forty-two cents).

One year ago, June 16, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,489,044,000,000 (Five trillion, four hundred eighty-nine billion, forty-four million).

Five years ago, June 16, 1994, the federal debt stood at \$4,592,643,000,000 (Four trillion, five hundred ninety-two billion, six hundred forty-three million).

Ten years ago, June 16, 1989, the federal debt stood at \$2,783,200,000,000 (Two trillion, seven hundred eighty-three billion, two hundred million) which reflects a debt increase of almost \$3 trillion—\$2,798,045,428,829.42 (Two trillion,

seven hundred ninety-eight billion, forty-five million, four hundred twenty-eight thousand, eight hundred twenty-nine dollars and forty-two cents) during the past 10 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 appropriate committees.

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

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-3750. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3751. A communication from the Executive Director, Governmental Affairs, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar years 1997 and 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3752. A communication from the Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce, transmitting, a report relative to the 1997-98 El Niño event; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3753. A communication from the Executive Director, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3754. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification of a proposed manufacturing license for Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3755. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification of a proposed manufacturing license for Portugal; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3756. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification of a proposed export license for Egypt; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3757. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Office of Child Support Enforcement for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3758. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, Presidential Determination Number 99-28, relative to the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3759. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department of the Treasury; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3760. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Authority's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3761. A communication from the Chairman, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period of October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3762. A communication from the Administrator, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period of October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3763. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period of October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3764. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period of October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3765. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period of October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999, and the management response; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3766. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer/President, Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the statement on internal controls and the audited financial statement for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3767. A communication from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Plan and Budget for the District of Columbia for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3768. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Design and Fabrication Code Case Acceptability—ASME Section III, Division 1" (Regulatory Guide 1.84, Revision 31), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3769. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Materials Code Case Acceptability—ASME Section III, Division 1" (Regulatory Guide 1.85, Revision 31), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3770. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inservice Inspection Code Case Acceptability—ASME Section XI, Division 1" (Regulatory Guide 1.147, Revision 12), received June 16,