

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 "Inservise Inspection Code Case Acceptability—ASME Section XI, Division 1" (Regulatory Guide 1.147, Revision 12), received June 16,

1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3771. 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 "Laboratory Testing of Nuclear-Grade Activated Charcoal" (NRC Generic Letter 99-02), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3772. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Fee Schedules; 100% Fee Recovery; FY-1999" (RIN3150-AG08), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3773. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for the Plant 'Eriogonum apricum' (inclusive of varieties 'apricum' and 'prostratum')—(Ione Buckwheat) and Threatened Status for the Plant 'Arctostaphylos myrtilifolia'—(Ione Manzanita)" (RIN1018-AE25), received June 4, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3774. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Special Canada Goose Permit" (RIN1018-AE46), received June 14, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3775. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas" (FRL #6361-8), received June 14, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3776. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL #6361-9), received June 14, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3777. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Solid Waste Programs; Management Guidelines for Beverage Containers; Removal of Obsolete Guidelines" (FRL #6362-4), received June 14, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3778. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL #6363-2), received June 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3779. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report

of a rule entitled "Final Determination to Extend Deadline for Promulgation of Action on Section 126 Petitions" (FRL #6363-5), received June 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3780. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon, Correction of Effective Date Under CRA" (FRL #6363-6), received June 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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-197. A petition from the Attorney General of the State of South Carolina relative to a proposed interstate compact between Georgia and South Carolina; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-198. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners, McNairy County, Tennessee relative to prayer in schools; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-199. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to redress of grievances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-200. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to redress of grievances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-201. A petition from a citizen of the State of Mississippi relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-202. A petition from a citizen of the State of Mississippi relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-203. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada relative to Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Whereas, The Social Security system provides benefits to 44 million Americans, including over 27 millions retirees, 4½ million people with disabilities, almost 4 million surviving children and over 8 million surviving adults, and is essential to the dignity and security of a large number of the residents of this country; and

Whereas, The Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds have reported to Congress that the "total income" of the Social Security system "is estimated to fall short of expenditures beginning in 2019 and in each year thereafter . . . until [trust fund] assets are exhausted in 2029"; and

Whereas, Intergenerational fairness, honest accounting principles, prudent budgeting and sound economic policy all require saving Social Security to ensure that our country may better afford the demands placed on Social Security upon the retirement of the "baby boomer" generation beginning in 2010; and

Whereas, If efforts were expended to save the Social Security system, the national savings would be expanded, interest rates would be reduced, private investments would be enhanced, labor productivity would increase and the economy of this country would grow; and

Whereas, The Social Security system produces an annual surplus that is invested in government bonds and the United States Department of Treasury currently borrows the

"surplus," which is projected to approach \$100 billion dollars by the end of 1999, and spends this money on programs that are unrelated to Social Security; and

Whereas, The United States House of Representatives introduced a bill into Congress 1 year ago, designated H.R. 3207, that would have created the "Save Social Security First Reserve Fund" into which the Secretary of the Treasury would be required to deposit budget surpluses pending Social Security reform; and

Whereas, This bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security on February 19, 1998, but died in committee; and

Whereas, Similar bills have been introduced to protect the Social Security system, but to date none have been acted upon; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge the Federal Government to invest all surplus money from Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance for the benefit of the Social Security system; and be it further

Resolved, that such investments must be in public debt securities with suitable maturities and bearing interest at rates determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, taking into consideration current market yields on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturities; and be it further

Resolved, That the income on such investments must be credited to and form a part of the fund for use in the future; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Treasury and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and approval.

POM-204. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to food quality protection; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 132

Whereas, the safe, responsible use of pesticides for agricultural, food safety, structural, public health, environmental, and other purposes has significantly advanced the overall welfare of Hawaii's citizens and the environment; and

Whereas, the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) establishes new safety standards that pesticides must meet to be newly registered or remain on the market; and

Whereas, the FQPA requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to ensure that all pesticide tolerances meet these new standards by reassessing one-third of the 9,700 current pesticide tolerances by August 1999, and all current tolerances in ten years; and

Whereas, risk determinations based on sound science and reliable real-world data are essential for accurate decisions, and the best way for USEPA to obtain this data is to require its development and submission by the registrants through the data call-in process; and

Whereas, risk determinations made in the absence of reliable, science-based information is expected to result in the needless loss of pesticides and certain uses of other pesticides; and

Whereas, the needless loss of pesticides and certain pesticide uses will result in fewer pest control options for Hawaii and would be