

the direction of the global political climate for many years to come. No one is certain what the future of Russia will bring once President Yeltsin leaves office. Everyone is aware that a deep reservoir of distrust and fear exists among Russian citizens, officials, and military personnel concerning the United States and NATO. We have done much in the past couple of years to feed those fears and anxieties, thereby generating hostility that could threaten to reawaken Cold War tensions. On the other hand, we have established critical relationships that could weigh against such a reprise through programs such as CTR. The impending post-Yeltsin debate within Russia regarding its future direction must include the voice of cooperation rather than confrontation as the way to peace and stability. The Cooperative Threat Reduction program has built a constituency in Russia to articulate that voice. I salute its sponsors, Senators Nunn and LUGAR for their visionary contribution, and celebrate its extension into the next millennium. I strongly encourage my colleagues to continue to support CTR and related programs through the ebbs and flows of U.S.-Russian relations. The prospects for long term global peace and stability will be the better for it.

SENATE INACTION ON THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, it is the responsibility of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to consider treaties submitted by the President as soon as possible after their submission. Normally, most treaties are considered within a year of being submitted. The President of the United States transmitted the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty to the Senate on September 23, 1997.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has not held a single hearing on this important Treaty in the 639 days since the President sent the CTBT to the Senate for its consideration. In comparison, the START I Treaty was ratified in 11 months, the SALT I Treaty in 3 months, the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty in 4 months, and the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty in 3 weeks.

As of today, 152 countries have signed the CTBT, including Russia and China, and 37 countries have ratified the Treaty. The world is waiting for the United States to lead on this issue. I hope my colleagues will urge for this Treaty's rapid consideration.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, June 22, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,593,512,029,751.90 (Five trillion, five hundred ninety-three billion, five hundred twelve million, twenty-nine thousand, seven hundred fifty-one dollars and ninety cents).

One year ago, June 22, 1998, the Federal debt stood at \$5,496,660,000,000 (Five trillion, four hundred ninety-six billion, six hundred sixty million).

Five years ago, June 22, 1994, the Federal debt stood at \$4,597,075,000,000 (Four trillion, five hundred ninety-seven billion, seventy-five million).

Ten years ago, June 22, 1989, the Federal debt stood at \$2,781,401,000,000 (Two trillion, seven hundred eighty-one billion, four hundred one million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$2 trillion—\$2,812,111,029,751.90 (Two trillion, eight hundred twelve billion, one hundred eleven million, twenty-nine thousand, seven hundred fifty-one dollars and ninety cents) during the past 10 years.

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 39

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 Environment and Public Works.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 307(c) of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5877(c)), I transmit herewith the Annual Report of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which covers activities that occurred in fiscal year 1997.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 23, 1999.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:51 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 659. An act to authorize appropriations for the protection of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to direct the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields, to authorize the Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historic Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1175. An act to locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, a United States citizen, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action.

H.R. 1501. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders; to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to provide quality prevention programs and accountability relating to juvenile delinquency; and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 659. An act to authorize appropriations for the protection of Paoli and Brandy-

wine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to direct the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields, to authorize the Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historic Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1175. An act to locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, a United States citizen, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1501. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders; to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to provide quality prevention programs and accountability relating to juvenile delinquency; and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

In the RECORD of Tuesday June 22, 1999 the following Executive Communications were inadvertently omitted. The permanent RECORD will be corrected to reflect the following listing:

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated on Tuesday, June 22, 1999:

EC-3852. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Delist the Plant 'Echinocerus lloydii' (Lloyd's Hedgehog Cactus)", received June 18, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3853. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plans; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference for Missouri" (FRL #6364-3), received June 18, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3854. 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 and Procedural Amendments to TSCA Regulations-Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)" (FRL #6072-4), received June 18, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3855. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Contract Actions for Leased Equipment" (DFARS Case 99-D012), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3856. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Timing of Police Corps Reimbursements of Educational Expenses" (RIN1121-AA50) (OJP-1205), received June 18, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3857. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Performance of Certain Functions by National Futures Association With Respect to Those Foreign Firms Acting in the Capacity of a Futures Commission Merchant," received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated on Wednesday, June 23, 1999:

EC-3899. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 97-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3900. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a report entitled "Buckle Up America: The Presidential Initiative for Increasing Seat Belt Use Nationwide"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3901. A communication from the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Status of NHTSA Plan for Side Impact Regulation Harmonization and Upgrade"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3902. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office of Inspector General audit recommendations for the period ending March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3903. A communication from the Treasurer, National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal years 1997 and 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3904. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department of Education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3905. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department of Education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3906. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3907. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Refugee Resettlement Program for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3908. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Defense Environmental Quality Program Annual Report" for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3909. A communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1998 and an opinion letter and corporate decisions relative to state law with respect to national banks; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3910. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Admin-

istration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Business Loan Program" (FR Doc. 99-12100, published in 64 FR 26273, May 14, 1999), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-3911. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Engineering Services, Architectural Services, Surveying, and Mapping Services" (FR Doc. 99-12267, published in 64 FR 26275, May 14, 1999), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-3912. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disaster Loan Program; Correction" (FR Doc. 99-6856, 3/19/99, 64 FR 13667), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-3913. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Surety Bond Guarantees" (FR Doc. 99-9268, 4/13/99, 64 FR 18324), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-3914. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Business Loan Program" (FR Doc. 99-559, 1/13/99, 64 FR 2115. Also see correction: FR Doc. 99-12574, 5/20/99, 64 FR 27445), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-3915. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Regulations and Legislation Division, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Branch Closings", received June 21, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3916. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Policies and Operations; Leasing; General Provisions; Accounting and Reporting Requirements" (RIN3052-AB63), received June 21, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3917. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Adjustment in Payment Amounts for New Technology; Intraocular Lenses Furnished by Ambulatory Surgical Centers" (HCFA-3831-F), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3918. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Assistance for Research and Development Projects to Strengthen and Develop the U.S. Fishing Industry—Notice of Solicitation for Applications" (RIN0648-ZA09), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3919. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Expiration Date of an Emergency Interim Rule (Established additional observer coverage requirements for the 20 catcher/processor vessels and established in-season authority to manage the non-pollock harvest limitations required under the American Fisheries Act)" (RIN0648-AM06), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3920. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Domestic Fisheries Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Quota Harvested for Summer Period for the Scup Fishery" (RIN0648-AL74 for final specifications), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3921. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities Program" (RIN1820-AB40), received June 21, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3922. A communication from the Attorney, General and Administrative Law, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Fees Schedule for Annual Charges for the Use of Government Lands" (RM86-2-000), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3923. A communication from the Attorney, General and Administrative Law, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Update of Filings Fees" (RM98-15-000), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3924. A communication from the Attorney, General and Administrative Law, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines" (RM96-1-009; Order No. 587-1), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3925. A communication from the Attorney, General and Administrative Law, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Project Cost and Annual Limits" (RM96-19-000), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3926. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation amending the Housing Act of 1949; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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-210. A resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to abandoned mine reclamation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 123

Whereas, The biggest water pollution problem facing this Commonwealth today is polluted water draining from abandoned coal mines; and

Whereas, Over half the streams that do not meet water quality standards in this Commonwealth are affected by mine drainage; and

Whereas, This Commonwealth has over 250,000 acres of abandoned mine lands, refuse banks and old mine shafts in 45 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties, more than any other state in the nation; and