

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Monday, July 9, 2001, the Federal debt stood at \$5,709,925,391,754.47, five trillion, seven hundred nine billion, nine hundred twenty-five million, three hundred ninety-one thousand, seven hundred fifty-four dollars and forty-seven cents.

Five years ago, July 9, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,151,107,000,000, five trillion, one hundred fifty-one billion, one hundred seven million.

Ten years ago, July 9, 1991, the Federal debt stood at \$3,536,850,000,000, three trillion, five hundred thirty-six billion, eight hundred fifty million.

Fifteen years ago, July 9, 1986, the Federal debt stood at \$2,073,910,000,000, two trillion, seventy-three billion, nine hundred ten million.

Twenty-five years ago, July 9, 1976, the Federal debt stood at \$615,209,000,000, six hundred fifteen billion, two hundred nine million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion, \$5,094,716,391,754.47, five trillion, ninety-four billion, seven hundred sixteen million, three hundred ninety-one thousand, seven hundred fifty-four dollars and forty-seven cents during the past 25 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF COURT TV

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, this month marks the 10th anniversary of Court TV, which has played a crucial role in educating the public about our nation's criminal justice system. When Court TV went on the air in July of 1991, about nine out of ten Americans had never seen a trial. Now ten years later, Court TV has aired more than 732 trials nationally and provides more than 60 million households with the opportunity to watch trials—as well as other criminal justice-related programming—on a daily basis.

During those years, Court TV has provided the Nation with an extraordinary civics lesson, enabling Americans to see their own criminal justice system first-hand. Viewers have seen some of the nation's finest judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys at work and have watched the judicial process unfold—with the benefit of expert commentators and analysts. As part of that civics lesson, Court TV has enabled viewers to watch live trial coverage—for the first time ever—of cases involving such issues as, among other things: appellate arguments, breach of contract, jury selection, libel, medical malpractice, negligence, parole hearings, product liability, and even war crimes.

Mr. President, Court TV has also made a special commitment to helping reduce youth violence. Its public affairs initiative, "Choices and Consequences," has received the cable tele-

vision industry's highest public service award, the Golden Beacon Award, for its efforts to keep our Nation's children out of our Nation's courts. A middle school curriculum, based on trial coverage of cases involving youth offenders, has been provided to more than 10,000 schools. A new high school curriculum, which addresses bullying among other issues, is now available online and through Court TV's "Cable in the Classroom" feed. Cable television operators in more than 50 cities in 24 states, plus the District of Columbia, have also partnered with Court TV in supporting "Your Town" town meetings, which have addressed a wide range of issues affecting adolescents and have been aired nationally.

Earlier this year, Court TV chairman and CEO Henry Schleiff was honored to be joined by the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, J. Dennis Hastert, as well as Minority Leader Richard Gephardt and our colleague, Senator Sam Brownback, among other Congressional leaders, in announcing a new "media literacy" campaign designed to help students distinguished between the positive and negative images that they see in all forms of media—and to help them understand the consequences of actions in the real world that may seem inconsequential onscreen.

Court TV offers a unique mix of programming, including trial coverage by day and compelling stories of the criminal justice system in the evening. That mix has now made Court TV the fastest-growing basic cable network in the nation. Its growth is testament to the fact that high-quality programming can be both educational and entertaining.

Today, I am pleased to recognize the important contribution that Court TV has made to public understanding of the judicial branch of Government and to criminal justice issues more broadly, and we applaud and encourage its continued efforts to work with our nation's schools to reduce youth violence and help students understand that choices made in a moment can have consequences for a lifetime.●

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PHOENIX HOME LIFE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

• Mr. DODD, Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Phoenix Home Life Mutual Insurance Company as it celebrates its 150th anniversary.

From its modest birth in 1851 as the Hartford-based American Temperance Life Insurance Company, the Phoenix has evolved into one of the largest and most well-respected insurance companies in the world. It has weathered many global watersheds of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries—including civil war, depressions, and world wars. But true to its name, the Phoenix has emerged from these and other trials with an unswerving com-

mitment to corporate innovation, social progress, and community service.

The Phoenix's corporate ethos thrives on a unique and important principle—one that encourages employees to invest human capital as a means of promoting community development. As a result, Phoenix serves as a paradigm for businesses truly committed to improving the quality of life of the people they serve. In 2000 alone, the Phoenix Foundation contributed \$1.6 million to charitable organizations across the country.

The Phoenix encourages its employees to devote 80 hours of company and personal time to community activities each year. The company also rewards its top 20 professional advisors through the Donor Award Program, which enables award recipients to designate up to \$2,000 to a local charity. Over the years, the Donor Award Program has provided vital funds to many organizations, including the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Lou Gehrig Baseball, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Furthermore, Phoenix field offices have established a plethora of independent donation programs—many of which have benefited organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, the YMCA, and the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

I am proud that the Phoenix's commitment to community development has helped many local organizations in the State of Connecticut. By lending their professional expertise, leadership, and time to a number of local outreach initiatives, Phoenix employees have worked assiduously to make a difference in their communities. For example, Phoenix employees in the Hartford office work in conjunction with Foodshare each summer to deliver vegetables donated by Connecticut farmers to area soup kitchens and homeless shelters. And in 1999, a group of Phoenix employees planned and organized Connecticut's first Adoption and Foster Care Exposition—an event that successfully promoted greater public awareness of these two important social issues.

The Phoenix has made significant contributions to the education of children. Through long-term partnerships with local schools such as the Fred D. Wish Elementary School in Hartford, Phoenix employees have worked individually with students in grades three through six to sharpen math skills and proficiency in the language arts. As a result, schools are seeing improved student attendance and higher student test scores. Phoenix also contributed \$75,000 toward the establishment of the Trinity College Boys and Girls Clubs—two Hartford-based organizations that provide education, culture, citizenship, health, and physical education programs for neighborhood children and adolescents. In terms of higher education, the Phoenix annually contributes \$250,000 to a matching gifts program. The company has also spearheaded a \$3 million "Legacy Campaign" to sustain and cultivate the

Walter J. "Doc" Hurley Foundation. Phoenix's generous contribution to this worthy campaign will assist high school students in Connecticut and across the country through various scholarship and guidance programs.

In recent years, Phoenix has made a strong commitment toward promoting the Special Olympics. In 1995, the company pledged an eight-year commitment to Special Olympics International as its first Official Worldwide Partner, setting a new and unprecedented standard for civic responsibility, a standard that few corporations can match. When the Special Olympics World Games were held in New Haven, CN, six years ago, over 60 percent of Phoenix employees volunteered their time while field offices across the country raised money to assist local chapters with travel and lodging expenses.

Over the past decade, much of the Phoenix's financial vitality and community commitment can be attributed to the hard work and vision of Robert W. Fiondella, the company's President and Chief Executive Officer. Since taking the reigns of Phoenix in 1992, Mr. Fiondella has successfully undertaken the challenge of further molding and guiding the company in this new evolving era of business. With more than 30 years of experience, Bob Fiondella represents the epitome of the Phoenix tradition by dedicating himself to both the company and the surrounding community.

In its 150 years of existence, the Phoenix has become an indispensable asset to people and businesses of Connecticut and the country. Its contributions to both the business world and surrounding communities have been tremendous. It is therefore with great appreciation that I offer congratulations to the Phoenix Home Life Mutual Insurance Company on its 150th anniversary, and wish the company and all those associated with it continued success for many years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the President 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-2661. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report required by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2662. A communication from the Acting Associate Department Administrator for Management and Administration, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, nomination, and the designation of acting officer for the position of Administrator, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2663. A communication from the Acting Associate Department Administrator for Management and Administration, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, the designation of acting officer, and the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Administrator, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2664. A communication from the Acting Associate Department Administrator for Management and Administration, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, the designation of acting officer, and the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Administrator, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2665. A communication from the Acting Associate Department Administrator for Management and Administration, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, the designation of acting officer, and the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Chief Counsel for Advocacy, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2666. A communication from the Acting Associate Department Administrator for Management and Administration, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Chief Counsel for Advocacy, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2667. A communication from the Acting Associate Department Administrator for Management and Administration, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2668. A communication from the Public Printer of the United States Government Printing Office, transmitting, the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2669. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the impact of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) on the administrative of elections for federal office during the preceding two-year period, 1999 through 2000; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2670. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranberries Grown in the States of Massachusetts, et al.; Establishment of Marketing

Quantity and Allotment Percentages; Ref-ormation of Sales Histories and Other Modifications Under the Cranberry Marketing Order" (FV01-929-2 FR and FV00-929-7 FR) received on July 2, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2671. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aminoethoxyvinylglycine (AVG); Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL6790-7) received on July 6, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2672. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aminoethoxyvinylglycine, Temporary Tolerance" (FRL6788-7) received on July 6, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2673. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NIDRR—Rehabilitation of Persons who are Blind or Visually Impaired and Rehabilitation of Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing" received on July 2, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2674. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NIDRR—Strategies for Promoting Information Technology—Based Educational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities; Strategies for Promoting Information Technology—Based Employment and Training Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities; and Wayfinding Technologies for Individuals who are Blind" received on July 2, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2675. A communication from the Special Assistant, White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Commissioner of Rehabilitative Services Administration, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2676. A communication from the Special Assistant, White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2677. A communication from the Special Assistant, White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Commissioner of Education Statistics, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2678. A communication from the Special Assistant, White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2679. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual