

trillion, six hundred sixty-nine billion, five hundred thirty million.

Five years ago, July 26, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,181,675,000,000, five trillion, one hundred eighty-one billion, six hundred seventy-five million.

Ten years ago, July 26, 1991, the Federal debt stood at \$3,558,449,000,000, three trillion, five hundred fifty-eight billion, four hundred forty-nine million.

Twenty-five years ago, July 26, 1976, the Federal debt stood at \$619,492,000,000, six hundred nineteen billion, four hundred ninety-two million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion, \$5,117,064,518,776.52, five trillion, one hundred seventeen billion, sixty-four million, five hundred eighteen thousand, seven hundred seventy-six dollars and fifty-two cents during the past 25 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CANAL STREET STREETCAR GROUNDBREAKING

• Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate New Orleans on the groundbreaking of the extension of the historic Canal Street Streetcar, which will eventually connect mid-city to downtown.

This groundbreaking is truly cause for celebration. It is a product of vision and hard work. The streetcar project enriches the city by combining New Orleans tradition with 21st century innovation. The new, state-of-the-art streetcars will be child safe, air-conditioned and in full compliance with disability laws. Not only is the streetcar project important to businesses and residents of the city, but it is also important for the expansion of tourism. By providing free, safe, public transportation, the Canal Street Streetcar will alleviate traffic on Canal Street. And it will connect all who take advantage of its use to several points of pride in the city such as the New Orleans Museum of Art.

Mayor Morial and the city council, Chairman Tucker, and several members of Louisiana's congressional delegation and I have worked hard for many years to secure funding to make this project a reality. Most recently, we helped secure \$23 million for the streetcar in a transportation measure. I congratulate the local leadership for helping to make this possible. All who support this project in Congress will continue to do our part so that one day in the not-too-distant future, the streetcar will be up and running. In fact, in Washington, I will honor this dedication with an entry in the Congressional Record. The Canal Street Streetcar is a symbol of our state's rich heritage and New Orleans's eclectic character. I am proud to be a part of its restoration.●

TRIBUTE TO KEN KASPRISIN

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I publicly thank Colonel Ken Kasprisin, who will leave his post as District Engineer and Commander of the St. Paul District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers today, July 27. Colonel Kasprisin is one of the finest individuals I have worked with as a U.S. Senator representing North Dakota, and we will miss him after he leaves the Corps.

North Dakota and the Nation owe Colonel Kasprisin a deep debt of gratitude. He has served as Commander of the St. Paul District since July, 1998, and he has served admirably. During that period, he has helped lead our communities through several flood disasters including the chronic flood at Devils Lake, ND. Throughout it all, he has always gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Colonel Kasprisin is among the most capable leaders I have ever had the pleasure of working with. He is a true professional, and has a unique ability to walk into a difficult condition, assess the situation, and calmly, but decisively, take action. He listens carefully to people and has a leadership style that invites creative solutions to complex problems.

Colonel Kasprisin is also a man of tremendous integrity. He cares deeply about the people of this nation, and his commitment to doing the right thing is unmatched. He has often been willing to fight for the needs of common citizens, even if it meant leading an uphill fight and challenging others within the Corps.

I know that the Colonel leaves the St. Paul Corps a better organization due to his leadership. The Colonel set high standards for his team, and they delivered time and time again. Under the Colonel's leadership, we have begun the flood protection project for Grand Forks, successfully fought several spring floods throughout the Red River Valley, and have continued to provide protection to residents of Devils Lake from the rising lake water. I will not forget the incredible contributions Colonel Kasprisin has made to the people of my State and the country.

But Colonel Kasprisin's departure from the Corps does not mean he is departing from public life. FEMA Director Allbaugh has tapped him to be the new FEMA Regional Director for the Pacific Northwest Region headquartered in Seattle. The Colonel's leadership will be a valuable addition to the FEMA team, and I believe Director Allbaugh made a great choice for that important position. Colonel Kasprisin will continue to make a difference in people's lives in that position and I am pleased that he has agreed to continue his public service.

I want to again express my deep appreciation and respect for Colonel Kasprisin for his service to my state and to our nation. We in North Dakota will miss you, Colonel, but wish you all the best in your new career.●

RETIREMENT OF MR. PAUL JOHNSON

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated and distinguished public servant. Paul W. Johnson, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Housing, is retiring at the end of this month after over 50 years of government service.

Paul Johnson began his career with the Federal Government serving on active duty with the Corps of Engineers beginning in 1949, and served as an engineer with the Army and the Air Force until he arrived at the Pentagon in 1962.

During his nearly forty years there, Paul Johnson became an institution in the Army and in the Pentagon. Since 1983, Paul has been the senior career official in the Army responsible for military construction, family housing, base realignment and closure, real property management and disposal, and real property maintenance issues for the active duty Army; the Army National Guard; and the Army Reserve. In this capacity, Paul is responsible for the management of over \$200 billion in assets.

For decades, whenever there has been an Army installation or property issue where the Congress needed information or help, we called "PJ", because we knew we could rely on his leadership and sound judgment. And PJ did not hesitate to reciprocate and let us know when the Army needed help from the Congress to solve a problem. When you were talking to PJ, there was never any doubt that he was working to do what was best for the Army.

We will miss him, and the Army will miss him even more. I am sure all members of the Senate who have worked with Paul over the years, especially my colleagues on the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees, will join me in congratulating him on his astonishing record of over half a century of public service and wish him and his family all the best as he begins a well-deserved retirement.●

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-3095. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of President of the Government National Mortgage Association, received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3096. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3097. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of the Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, the Air

Force Structure Announcement for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3098. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection and Assistance for Victims of Trafficking" (RIN1115-AG20) received on July 25, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3099. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Veterans' Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "End of the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Program" (RIN2900-AK45) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3100. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Navajo Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan" (NA-004-FOR) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3101. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diazinon, Parathion, O, O-Diethyl S-[2-(ethylthio)ethyl] Phosphorodithioate (Disulfoton), Ethoprop, and Carbaryl; Tolerance Revocations" (FRL6787-8) received on July 24, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3102. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lysophosphatidylethanolamine (LPE); Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL6788-6) received on July 24, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3103. A communication from the President of the Federal Financing Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Management Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3104. A communication from the Acting Director of the Retirement and Insurance Service, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Law Enforcement and Firefighter Retirement" (RIN3206-AJ39) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3105. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3106. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the progress made in providing International Development Association grant assistance to Heavily Indebted Poor Countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3107. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report for 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3108. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3109. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed defense articles or services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3110. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Estate Tax Return; Form 706, Extension to File" (RIN1545-AX98) received on July 24, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3111. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator of the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Update to the Prospective Payment System for Home Health Agencies for Fiscal Year 2002" (RIN0938-AK51) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3112. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Basis Shifting Tax Shelter" (Notice 2001-45, 2001-33) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3113. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Commissioners' Standard Tables of Mortality and Morbidity" (Rev. Rul. 2001-38) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3114. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Harmonization of Definitions of Terms in the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AC03) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3115. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Resolution Funding Corporation for the calendar year 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3116. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Attainment for PM-10; Lakeview, Oregon, PM-10 Nonattainment" (FRL7018-5) received on July 24, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3117. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Attainment for PM-10; Oakridge, Oregon" (FRL7018-6) received on July 24, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3118. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preliminary Assessment Information Reporting; Addition of Certain Chemicals" (FRL6783-6) received on July 24, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3119. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation: Type of Contracts" (FRL7020-5) received on July 25, 2001;

to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3120. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Pharmaceuticals Production" (FRL7020-3) received on July 25, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3121. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of State and Tribal Programs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Handbook on Nuclear Material Event Reporting in the Agreement States" received on July 25, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3122. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the monthly report on the status of licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3123. A communication from the Chief of the Division of Endangered Species, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sea Turtle Conservation; Restrictions to Fishing Activities" (RIN0648-AP20) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3124. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Trip Limit Adjustments" received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3125. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Amendment 13" (RIN0648-AO41) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3126. A communication from the Acting Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Amendment 14" (RIN0648-AL51) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3127. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Large Coastal, Pelagic, and Small Coastal Shark Species; Fishing Season Notification" (ID061101A) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3128. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Closes Pacific Ocean Perch Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area, Gulf of Alaska" received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3129. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shortraker and Rougheye Rockfish in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3130. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Closes Northern Rockfish Fishery in the Western Regulatory Area, Gulf of Alaska" received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3131. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of the Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3132. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Black Sea Bass Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for Quarter 3 Period" received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3133. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Sablefish by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3134. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Extension of the Emergency Interim Rule That Implements 2001 Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures and the 2001 Harvest Specifications (implements Steller sea lion protection measures for the remainder of 2001)"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicates:

POM-157. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the federal Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program; to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 140

Whereas, the areas served by electric and gas utilities in Louisiana and throughout the South have poverty levels that are higher than the national average, with many cus-

tomers being unable to afford utility service without sacrificing other necessities such as medicine and food; and

Whereas, disconnection of electric and gas service presents health and safety risks, particularly for the elderly, disabled, and small children residing in the substandard, poorly insulated, energy-inefficient housing that is prevalent in this region; and

Whereas, the federally funded WAP and LIHEAP are the nation's largest, most comprehensive effective residential energy efficiency and bill payment assistance programs, serving as a vital safety net during periods of escalating and volatile energy prices; and

Whereas, the state agencies and community-based organizations that administer WAP and LIHEAP and distribute the funds on behalf of those eligible and in need have demonstrated their capability to accomplish both energy efficiency services and bill payment assistance when these programs are adequately funded and assured of continued existence for a reasonable number of years; and

Whereas, the Fiscal Year 2002 Bush Administration proposed budget call for continuing LIHEAP funding at the same, inadequate levels as was provided during the past year, \$1.4 billion nationally, an amount that was recently recognized as vastly insufficient by the United States Senate; and

Whereas, it is a matter of utmost importance and urgency to persuade both houses of the Congress of the United States to take swift and bold action to increase and release to the states the funding for WAP and LIHEAP; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to act at once to provide for advanced and increased funding of the Weatherization Assistance program for Low-Income Persons and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, so as to enable the programs to engage in planning their work more efficiently and engaging and retaining qualified employees. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-158. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the sale of crawfish and catfish imported from Asia and Spain; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 143

Whereas, Louisiana's crawfish and catfish industries are vital to the well-being of this state and its citizens; and

Whereas, these industries are facing a serious economic crisis due to the availability of inexpensive crawfish and catfish imported from Asia and Spain; and

Whereas, crawfish from China began appearing in the United States market in the early 1990s; however, they had no significant impact at the time because the amount of available Chinese crawfish was not enough to seriously affect the supply and demand associated with Louisiana's crawfish industry; and

Whereas, in 1993 and 1994 there was a substantial increase in the amount of Chinese crawfish, which harmed Louisiana industry, and crawfish are produced in China at a lower cost than is possible in Louisiana which allows their sale at prices with which Louisiana producers cannot compete; and

Whereas, Louisiana is also experiencing a similar problem with crawfish arriving from

Spain being offered for sale at a low price; and

Whereas, since Louisiana crawfish farmers cannot compete with those in China and Spain, the crawfish plants are in danger of closing, which is devastating to Louisiana because it is difficult to re-open the plants because the crawfish peelers have sought other employment, and it is virtually impossible to replace that labor component of the Louisiana crawfish industry; and

Whereas, in response to the problem, the Federal Trade Commission recently imposed a duty on Chinese crawfish, which has allowed Louisiana fishermen and suppliers to compete with Chinese fishermen and suppliers; and

Whereas, nevertheless, crawfish suppliers are presently circumventing the duty and are still providing crawfish at a much lower price, so the threat to the Louisiana industry continues; and

Whereas, the Catfish industry in Louisiana is experiencing similar problems caused by imported Catfish from Vietnam and Spain; and

Whereas, between 1993 and 1999, the amount of Catfish exported from Vietnam increased from sixteen thousand five hundred tons to twenty-four thousand tons, and capital investments in Catfish production in the Mekong Delta have continued to grow dramatically; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to assist the Federal Trade Commission in preventing the sale of crawfish and catfish imported from Asia and Spain at prices with which Louisiana producers cannot compete. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-159. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the federal-aid highway program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 152

Whereas, legislation is pending introduction in congress to allow states to opt out of the federal-aid highway program; and

Whereas, those states opting out would be required to replace the federal gasoline tax with a state gasoline tax; and

Whereas, five states have laws in effect which would automatically increase the state gasoline tax should the federal gasoline tax be reduced; and

Whereas, if Louisiana were authorized to levy the gasoline tax, it could control more of the revenues and would be less subject to certain efforts by the federal government to control state policy; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Louisiana Legislature does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to adopt legislation authorizing states to opt out of the federal-aid highway program. Be it further,

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-160. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 188

Whereas, Congress passed the Full and Fair Political Disclosure Act and the President