

SENATE QUARTERLY MASS MAIL VOLUMES AND COSTS
FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1997—Continued

Fiscal year 1997 official mail allocation	Total pieces	Pieces per capita	Total cost	Cost per capita
37,990	0	0.00		
37,266	0	0.00		
96,062	0	0.00		
76,388	0	0.00		
94,702	0	0.00		
109,107	0	0.00		
85,350	0	0.00		
70,009	0	0.00		
Total	154,055	0.08317	46,055.25	0.02883

CONFERRING STATUS AS AN HONORARY VETERAN OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES ON LESLIE TOWNES (BOB) HOPE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 153, H.J. Res. 75.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 75) to confer status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope.

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, it is my privilege today to ask that the Senate approve legislation to confer the status of honorary veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces to Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope. This resolution, House Joint Resolution 75, which was unanimously approved by the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs on June 12, 1997, is identical to a companion resolution, Senate Joint Resolution 36, which I, as chairman of the Committee on Veterans Affairs, was honored to introduce on July 28, 1997. I am pleased to say that the ranking member of the committee, Senator JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV, and 47 other Members of the Senate joined me as cosponsors of this resolution when I introduced it.

Mr. President, the Members of this body, and the American people as a whole, are acutely aware of the contributions Bob Hope has made to the Nation. His service to country—and, most particularly, to its soldiers, sailor, marines, and airmen over a period exceeding 50 years—are legion. If any person in this country merits such an unprecedented honor—and Mr. President, it is my understanding that no person has ever before been conferred the status of honorary veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces—surely, it is Bob Hope.

As I have stated, Bob Hope's contributions to this Nation are well known to all of our citizens. Less well known is the fact that Bob Hope is a naturalized American, having emigrated from his native England when he was just a boy. I am the son of a naturalized American—an immigrant who walked across Europe with barely a ruble in his pocket so that he could make his way to this country. So I

know first hand that person of humble origins can scale the heights of this country. Few, though, have scaled the heights that Bob Hope has scaled.

When I say Bob Hope has scaled the heights, I am not referring to his success as an actor, a comedian, or businessman—though his success in all three areas has been considerable. When I say Bob Hope as scaled heights, I am thinking of his place in the hearts of his adopted countrymen.

Who in this country is more beloved by a broader spectrum of his fellow citizens than Bob Hope—people of all ages, races, religions, and beliefs? Perhaps none more than Bob Hope. For the past 50 years, this country's fighting men and women could count on Bob Hope to lift their spirits and moral when they faced the prospect of making the ultimate sacrifice. In World War II, in Korea, in Vietnam and, most recently, in the Persian Gulf, Bob Hope and his troupe were there to remind our fighting men and women that they were not forgotten, that their suffering was appreciated. Bob Hope was always with the troops—especially during the holidays—enduring hardship, and often significant physical danger, so that he might encourage those facing greater hardship and danger. Three generations of veterans will never forget how much he cared.

Those three generations of veterans wonder how they might properly recognize Bob Hope. He is already a recipient of the Nation's highest civilian decorations, the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. President Carter hosted a White House reception in honor of his 75th Birthday. President Clinton bestowed upon him the Medal of the Arts. He has received more than 50 honorary doctorates, and innumerable awards from civic, social, and veterans organizations. But Bob Hope cannot say that he is a veteran—in my mind, one of the most honorable appellations one can carry. This legislation will remedy that.

I ask that all of my colleagues join me in approving legislation designating Bob Hope an honorary veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. And I think the former Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps and the current president of the USO, Gen. Carl Mundy, for spearheading this effort.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the joint resolution be considered read a third time and passed, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 75) was considered read the third time and passed.

The preamble was agreed to.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10, 1997

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 10. I further ask that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate immediately resume consideration of the second-degree amendment of the Senator from Alabama, Senator SESSIONS, No. 1125, to the amendment of Senator DURBIN, No. 1078, to S. 1061, the Labor-HHS appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. SESSIONS. In accordance with the previous order, I announce that tomorrow the Senate will immediately resume consideration of Senator SESSIONS' second-degree amendment, No. 1125, to Senator DURBIN's amendment No. 1078 to S. 1061, the Labor-HHS appropriations bill.

As Members are aware, the Senate has been able to dispose of all but a few amendments remaining in order to the bill this evening. Time agreements were able to be reached on a couple of the pending amendments.

With that in mind, all Members' cooperation will be appreciated in scheduling time agreements and floor actions on the remaining amendments. Therefore, Members can anticipate rollcall votes throughout the Wednesday session of the Senate, as we attempt to complete action on this important legislation.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:20 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 10, 1997, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 9, 1997:

FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW
COMMISSION

ROBERT H. BEATTY, JR., OF WEST VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 30, 1998, VICE JOYCE A. DOYLE, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

EDWARD M. GABRIEL, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

ERNESTA BALLARD, OF ALASKA, TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 8, 2005, VICE SUSAN E. ALVARADO, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ROBIN LYNN RAPHEL, OF WASHINGTON, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF