

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:15 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1023. An act to authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish an awards program in honor of Charles "Pete" Conrad, astronaut and space scientist, for recognizing the discoveries made by amateur astronomers of asteroids with near-Earth orbit trajectories.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 86. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

H. Con. Res. 135. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

H. Con. Res. 136. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 31. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1268.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 11:26 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1268. An act making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1023. An act to authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish an awards program in honor of Charles "Pete" Conrad, astronaut and space scientist, for recognizing the discoveries made by amateur astronomers of asteroids with near-Earth orbit trajectories; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 989. A bill to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2074. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2075. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Silver Strand shoreline project at Imperial Beach, California; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2076. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences, Fiscal Year 2004"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2077. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Redesignation for the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard; for some Counties in the States of Kansas and Missouri" (FRL NO. 7906-5) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2078. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Operating Permits Program; State of Iowa" (FRL NO. 7906-9) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2079. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri" (FRL NO. 7906-7) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2080. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Michigan: Oxides of Nitrogen" (FRL NO. 7904-4) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2081. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office

of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment for the Ozone and Carbon Monoxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards in Washoe County, Nevada" (FRL NO. 7907-3) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2082. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia; 1-Hour Ozone Attainment Plans, Rate-of-Progress Plans, Contingency Measures, Transportation Control Measures, VMT Offset, and 1990 Base Year Inventory" (FRL NO. 7910-3) received on May 8, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2083. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; VOC Emission Standards for AIM Coatings" (FRL NO. 7909-8) received on May 8, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2084. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Georgia: Approval of Revisions to the Georgia State Implementation Plan" (FRL NO. 7909-3) received on May 8, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2085. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland and Virginia; Non-Regulatory Voluntary Emission Reduction Program Measures" (FRL NO. 7909-9) received on May 8, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2086. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from AIM Coatings" (FRL NO. 7910-2) received on May 8, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2087. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Metropolitan Washington, D.C. 1-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration Plans" (FRL NO. 7910-4) received on May 8, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2088. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Washington; Spokane Carbon Monoxide Attainment Plan" (FRL NO. 7906-3) received on May 8, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2089. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; VOC Emissions Standards for AIM Coatings" (FRL NO. 7910-1) received on May 8, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2090. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments for the New PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard; PM_{2.5} Precursors" (FRL NO. 7908-3) received on May 8, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2091. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Program Acquisitions Unit Cost (PAUC) for the Chemical Demilitarization (CHEM DEMIL) Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2092. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law the quarterly report entitled "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2093. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2094. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's implementation of postal system improvements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2095. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Chemical Demilitarization (Chem Demil)-Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) and Chem Demil-CMA Newport major defense acquisition programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2096. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending December 31, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2097. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's status and results of the "National Call to Service" program for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2098. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005; ordered to lie on the table.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ENZI, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 285. A bill to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program (Rept. No. 109-66).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 994. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to improve the ability of State and local governments to prevent the abduction of children by family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 995. A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate the La Entrada al Pacifico Corridor in the State of Texas as a high priority corridor on the National Highway System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 996. A bill to improve the Veterans Beneficiary Travel Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 997. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 998. A bill to include the State of Idaho as an affected area under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 999. A bill to provide for a public response to the public health crisis of pain, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1000. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care medicine at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools and to promote the development of faculty careers as academic palliative specialists who emphasize teaching; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1001. A bill to establish hospice demonstration projects and a hospice grant program for beneficiaries under the medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1002. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in payments to hospitals under the medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1003. A bill to amend the Act of December 22, 1974, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1004. A bill to provide the Federal Trade Commission with the resources necessary to protect users of the Internet from the unfair and deceptive acts and practices associated with spyware, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1005. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit certain summer food pilot programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1006. A bill to reimburse States and local governments for indirect costs relating to the incarceration of illegal criminal aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. REID, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 1007. A bill to prevent a severe reduction in the Federal medical assistance percentage determined for a State for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 58

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 58, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 98

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 98, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S. 98, *supra*.

S. 103

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 103, a bill to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 147

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 147, a bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity.

S. 241

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 241, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as