

of 50 times their number. These individuals deserve our gratitude, our praise and most importantly our continued support as they conduct on a daily basis, vital rescue and relief missions for the citizens of the Gulf Coast. Thank you for a job well done and for continuing to support our Nation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO SANDY BUCHANAN

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Sandy Buchanan of Cold Spring, KY, for her 41 years of service and devotion to the Disabled American Veterans. Her steadfast support reinforces her organization's honorable goal of building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families.

The Disabled American Veterans is a service organization for the brave men and women who have become sick and disabled as a result of wartime military service. Founded in 1920, this organization serves veterans who have fought in combat since World War I.

Ms. Buchanan began work as a key-punch operator for the Disabled American Veterans on October 12, 1964. In her four decades of service, she has helped the organization grow from supporting 178,864 members to representing 1.3 million members. Over the years, she has risen to the position of executive assistant at the National Headquarters in Cold Spring, KY. During her tenure, Ms. Buchanan has served combat veterans of every war and conflict since World War I.

I now ask my fellow colleagues to join me in thanking Ms. Buchanan for her dedication and commitment to the Disabled American Veterans. Her devotion to our Nation's combat heroes serves as an example to all citizens of the Commonwealth.●

CONGRATULATING ST. ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I rise to congratulate St. Elizabeth Medical Center of northern Kentucky. St. Elizabeth has been named as a magnet hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Designation as a magnet hospital by this organization is an extremely prestigious honor, so much so that some have called it the Nobel Prize of hospital nursing. Fewer than 200 providers have received this recognition. This puts St. Elizabeth in the company of only 3 percent of U.S. hospitals.

Just as the award it has received indicates, St. Elizabeth acts as a magnet for nursing. It offers the exceptional quality of nursing care and attracts and retains the most talented nurses. Not only is this good news for St. Elizabeth, but it is good news for the community—they know that if they go to this facility, they will be receiving some of the best care in the country. I

am extremely excited that northern Kentucky is receiving the nursing care that it deserves.

I congratulate St. Elizabeth Medical Center on this achievement. Everyone involved with this institution is an inspiration to the citizens of Kentucky. I look forward to all that St. Elizabeth accomplishes in the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

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 12:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 5384. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1736. An act to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies.

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

At 3:17 p.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. 5403. An act to improve protections for children and to hold States accountable for the safe and timely placement of children across State lines, and for other purposes.

At 4:11 p.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. 4681. An act to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5384. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment and with an amended preamble: S. Res. 301. A resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the National Audubon Society.

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 801. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 300 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Florida, as the "John Milton Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse".

S. 2650. A bill to designate the Federal courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. Federal Courthouse."

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services. Air Force nomination of Gen. Michael V. Hayden to be General.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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 Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 2994. A bill to provide for the mandatory revocation, in addition to the mandatory denial, of passports of individuals who have a certain level of child support arrearages; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2995. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Butanedioic acid, dimethylester polymer with 4-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidine ethanol; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2996. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 2-(2H-Benzotriazol-2-yl)-4,6-bis(1,1-dimethylpropyl)phenol; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2997. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Decanedioic acid, bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidinyl) ester; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2998. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 1,2-Bis(3-aminopropyl) ethylenediamine, polymer with N-butyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidine and 2,4,6-trichloro-1,3,5-triazine; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2999. A bill to improve protections for children and to hold States accountable for the safe and timely placement of children across State lines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3000. A bill to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 3001. A bill to ensure that all electronic surveillance of United States persons for foreign intelligence purposes is conducted pursuant to individualized court-issued orders, to streamline the procedures of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3002. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on a mixture of barium carbonate, strontium carbonate, calcium carbonate, methoxy-2-propanolacetate-1, for use as emitter suspension cathode coating; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3003. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on resin cement based on calcium carbonate and silicone resins; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3004. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Phosphor YOX, yttrium oxide phosphor, activated by europium; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3005. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Phosphor-BAG-barium magnesium aluminate phosphor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3006. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Yttrium vanadate phosphor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3007. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphor SCAP strontium chloroapatite-europium; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3008. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on preformed pellets of a mixture of sodium iodide, thallium iodide, dysprosium triiodide, holmium tri-iodide, thulium tri-iodide, and sometimes calcium iodide; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3009. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on aluminum nitrate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3010. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Halophosphor calcium diphosphate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3011. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphor zinc silicate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3012. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on strontium magnesium phosphate-tin doped; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3013. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphor-YOF FLU PDR YOX; yttrium oxide phosphor, activated by europium; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3014. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphor-strontium blue, strontium fluorophosphate, antimony; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3015. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on calcium halophosphate phosphor activated by manganese and antimony; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3016. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ceramic frit powder; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3017. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Phosphor Lite White and Phosphor Blue Halo; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3018. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Phosphor-SCA, strontium halophosphate doped with europium; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3019. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphor-cool white small particle calcium halophosphate phosphor activated by manganese and antimony; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3020. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphor LAP lanthanum phosphate phosphor, activated by cerium and terbium; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3021. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Cerous nitrate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 3022. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain camel hair; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 3023. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on waste of camel hair; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 3024. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain camel hair carded or combed; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 3025. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on woven fabric of vicuna hair; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 3026. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain camel hair not processed; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 3027. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on noils of camel hair; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 3028. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on kashmir; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 3029. A bill to extend temporarily the suspension of duty on combed cashmere; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3030. A bill to extend the period for unemployment compensation under the Katrina Emergency Assistance Act of 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 3031. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain articles of platinum; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 3032. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain nickel alloy wire; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 3033. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Methylionone; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. AL-EXANDER):

S. 3034. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on titanium mononitride; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. CHAFFEE):

S.J. Res. 37. A joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 491. A resolution recognizing the accomplishments of Ignacy Jan Paderewski as a musician, composer, statesman, and philanthropist, and commemorating the 65th anniversary of his death on June 29, 1941; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. Res. 492. A resolution to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate to prohibit Members from using charitable foundations for personal gain; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 493. A resolution calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to establish immediately a full, independent, public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Pat Finucane, as recommended by international Judge Peter Cory as part of the Western Park agreement and a way forward for the Northern Ireland Peace Process; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 380

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally disturbed children to State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children.

S. 457

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 457, a bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance for, and provide oversight of, the management of micropurchases made with Governmentwide