

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

H.R. 1119. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the congressional charter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated, to authorize associate membership in the corporation for the spouse and siblings of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

H. J. Res. 70. Joint resolution congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial, which will be formally celebrated on April 23, 2008, and commemorating the historic contributions of its veterans and continuing contributions of its soldiers to the vital national security interests and homeland defense missions of the United States.

The enrolled bill and joint resolution were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

#### 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-5902. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Source Rules Involving U.S. Possessions and Other Conforming Changes" ((RIN1545-BF85)(TD 9391)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5903. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data in support of the A400M Military Transport Aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5904. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of a commercial communications satellite to Russia and Kazakhstan for launch; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5905. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of the proposed transfer of eight Patriot missile systems from the Government of Germany to the Government of the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5906. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to support the Portuguese Air Force P-3C Aircraft Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5907. A communication from the Acting Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2008-35—2008-43); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5908. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Toll-Free Number for Reporting Adverse Events on Labeling for Human Drug Products" ((RIN0910-

AC35)(Docket No. 2003N-0342)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5909. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Health, received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5910. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "In Search of Highly Skilled Workers: A Study on the Hiring of Upper Level Employees from Outside the Federal Government"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5911. A communication from the White House Liaison, Community Relations Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Director, received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5912. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the steps taken by the Department to implement the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-303. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to require restaurants to post nutrition information; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

POM-304. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging the Florida Public Service Commission to adopt final rules that will encourage the use of consumer-owned solar and other renewable energy systems; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

POM-305. A letter from a private citizen relative to the use of funds over the next 20 years; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-306. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to sign into law legislation reinstating a property tax exemption for solar energy systems; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-307. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to provide matching funds for solar and other energy saving water heater installations for low-income homeowners; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-308. A collection of petitions forwarded by the Benefit Security Coalition relative to establishing a more equitable method of computing cost of living adjustments for Social Security benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-309. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to strengthen hate

crime laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-310. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to pass the Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 306

Whereas, the cascading impact of houses that are lost to foreclosure for failure to pay the mortgage is becoming increasingly evident in many locations. The impact of the foreclosures over the past year is so great that it is estimated by some that as many as one homeowner in ten now owes more on their house's mortgage than the house is worth. All homes, even those without a mortgage, lose value quickly as houses stand empty. For many neighborhoods, the prospect of vacancy is accompanied by justifiable concerns over safety; and

Whereas, Congress is considering the Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008 as a means of bringing a swift response to reverse the destructive trend of people walking away from homes because of loans they cannot possibly pay. This legislation offers a range of provisions, including allocations for foreclosure prevention counseling, expanding the capacity of governmental entities to redevelop properties, allowing housing finance agencies to help home buyers and issue refinancing bonds for owners with subprime loans, and empowering bankruptcy judges to change the terms of loans facing foreclosure. The bankruptcy adjustment provision would be consistent with the power bankruptcy judges already have for other kinds of debts, including those for vacation homes and rental properties; and

Whereas, clearly, the severity of the mortgage foreclosure crisis demands vigorous and swift action. Less comprehensive approaches and voluntary programs alone are not enough: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives,* That we memorialize the Congress of the United States pass and the President to sign the Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation. Adopted by the House of Representatives, March 20, 2008.

POM-311. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Kentucky urging Congress to act swiftly to renew the exemption of the Delta Queen from the Safety of Life at Sea Act of 1966; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 109

A Resolution urging the United States Congress to act swiftly to renew the exemption of the Delta Queen from the Safety of Life at Sea Act of 1966.

Whereas, the Delta Queen is an integral part of the culture and character of the Ohio River valley; and

Whereas, the Delta Queen has made a lasting impression as a beloved part of the past in the hearts of passengers and crew members; and

Whereas, the Delta Queen is a part of the National Register of Historic Places, a National Historic Landmark, and a jewel of the United States's inland navigable water system; and

Whereas, the Delta Queen is the last of its kind, a sternwheel overnight passenger