

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1245. An act to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region.

S. 2516. An act to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2632. An act to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3022. An act to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3682. An act to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic, or recreational river, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, and for other purposes.

H. R. 4926. An act to establish a grant program for automated external defibrillators in elementary and secondary schools.

H. R. 5524. An act to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, and for other purposes.

H. R. 5569. An act to extend for 5 years the EB-5 regional center pilot program, and for other purposes.

H. R. 5593. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, enacted by the Congressional Review Act.

H.R. 5683. An act to make certain reforms with respect to the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5778. An act to preserve the independence of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority.

H.R. 5938. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide secret service protection to former Vice Presidents, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2632. An act to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3022. An act to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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to certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, enacted by the Congressional Review Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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H.R. 5938. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide secret service protection to former Vice Presidents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5524. An act to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 10, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2420. An act to encourage the donation of excess food to nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to food-insecure people in the United States in contracts entered into by executive agencies for the provision, service, or sale of food.

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-6540. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pistachios Grown in California; Changes in Handling Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0082) received on June 4, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6541. A communication from the President, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2007 management report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6542. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marine Mammal; Incidental Take During Species Activities (Chukchi Sea)" (RIN1018-AU41) received on June 4, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6543. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Research Credit Claims Audit Techniques Guide: Credit for Increasing Research Activities" (LMSB-04-0508-030) received on June 4, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6544. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period ending March

31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6545. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period from October 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6546. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, received on June 3, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6547. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer of the Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in Ex Parte Appeals" (RIN0651-AC12) received on June 4, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-368. A letter from a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives relative to the economy; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-369. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio urging Congress to enact the Community Cancer Care Preservation Act of 2007, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 100

Whereas, the National Center for Health Statistics at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, and its prevalence increases with age. Medicare beneficiaries account for half of all cancer patients, and more than 700,000 beneficiaries are newly diagnosed with some form of cancer every year; and

Whereas, community cancer clinics, free-standing outpatient facilities where cancer care is delivered in physician offices, play an important role in winning the war on cancer. According to the American Society of Clinical Oncology, these clinics treat over 80% of Americans with cancer, providing patients with early diagnosis, effective cancer therapies, and innovative supportive care that reduce fatigue, nausea and vomiting, and pain; and

Whereas, while the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (Pub. L. No. 108-173) enacted Medicare Part D, a welcomed drug benefit for America's seniors, it created a severe reduction in Medicare's reimbursement for oncology treatment. According to a July 2007 press release issued by Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA), one of the sponsors of the Senate version of the Community Cancer Care Preservation Act of 2007 (S. 1750 of the 110th Congress), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has reduced Medicare payments to community cancer care clinics by approximately three to four hundred million dollars since 2005. A 2007 analysis by the accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers, predicts reimbursement reductions of \$13.8 billion over ten years; and

Whereas, the Ohio/West Virginia Hematology Oncology Society asserts that the reduction in Medicare reimbursements for community cancer care clinics has resulted

in nearly all cancer treatments being reimbursed below cost, crippling the nation's cancer care delivery system and resulting in a serious access-to-care crisis. Nearly 40% of states have reported a serious impact since January 1, 2006, when the full impact of the reductions became effective, and an attempt to save costs is actually leading to higher costs as care shifts to more expensive inpatient settings because clinics have to reduce staff and close offices; and

Whereas, the Community Cancer Care Preservation Act of 2007 (H.R. 1190 and S. 1750 of the 110th Congress) provides critical assistance to community oncologists that are disadvantaged by CMS reforms brought forth by the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act. These bills require CMS to reimburse oncologists for the actual price of drugs (rather than for the discounted price between the pharmaceutical manufacturer and the wholesaler), increase reimbursement for chemotherapy administration and storage and care of oncology drugs, and institute reimbursement for medical oncologists who provide treatment planning; now therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the 127th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, memorialize Congress to enact the Community Cancer Care Preservation Act of 2007 to reform the Medicare reimbursement methodology for cancer drugs and their administration; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and to the news media of Ohio.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 2607. A bill to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Rept. No. 110-348).

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. VITTER:

S. 3104. A bill to require that all individuals convicted of a felony under State law provide a DNA sample; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 3105. A bill to authorize funding for the Advancing Justice through DNA Technology initiative; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3106. A bill to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 3107. A bill to require the payment of compensation to members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the United States who were forced to perform slave

labor by the Imperial Government of Japan or by corporations of Japan during World War II, or the surviving spouses of such members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. KOHL):

S. 3108. A bill to require the President to call a White House Conference on Food and Nutrition; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 3109. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 3110. A bill for the relief of Ruben Mkoian, Asmik Karapetian, and Arthur Mkoian; 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 Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 589. A resolution designating the week beginning June 9, 2008, as "National Health Information Technology Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 590. A resolution celebrating the 233rd birthday of the Army and commending the men and women of the Army as exceptional individuals who live by the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. BUNNING):

S. Con. Res. 88. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) new policy restricting women's access to medications containing estriol does not serve the public interest; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 302

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 302, a bill to establish a procedure to safeguard the Social Security Trust Funds.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 584

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 584, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rehabilitation credit and the low-income housing credit.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Edward William Brooke III in recognition of his unprecedented and enduring service to our Nation.

S. 879

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 879, a bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 991, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

S. 1010

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1010, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage guaranteed lifetime income payments from annuities and similar payments of life insurance proceeds at dates later than death by excluding from income a portion of such payments.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1437

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1437, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to promote the adoption of children with special needs.

S. 1715

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1715, a bill to amend title