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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

TRIBUTE TO THE MALCOLM GROW MEDICAL CENTER

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the great services that the Malcolm Grow Medical Center has done for this country. Malcolm Grow celebrated its 50th anniversary on July 31, 2008, and in those 50 years, it has provided medical care for those serving in the U.S. Air Force as well as their families. They follow in the proud tradition of medicine which their namesake developed.

MG Malcolm C. Grow was the first surgeon general of the U.S. Air Force, serving from July 1 to November 30, 1949. In 1943, General Grow received the Legion of Merit for developing body armor to protect combat crews. His research led the way in developing a light body armor and steel helmet that saved many lives and improved our fighters’ morale.

Today there are 372,200 eligible beneficiaries within 40 miles of the Malcolm Grow Medical Center. On a typical day, Malcolm Grow providers see 930 outpatients, 90 dental patients, 72 emergency room patients and 90 inpatients. Staff complete seven surgical procedures and perform two deliveries. The Aeromedical Staging Flight takes care of 30 patients transitioning through the National Capital Region and carries 7,560 pharmacy procedures. In 2007, Malcolm Grow oversaw over 10,400 patient and attendant movements alone.

General Grow’s innovative spirit has lived on at the Malcolm Grow Medical Center as it celebrates its 50th birthday. There are the East Coast hub for aeromedical evacuation and provide health care services to our Nation’s top leaders. I am proud to honor the great contribution which this facility has made to our service members, our Armed Forces, and our Nation.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages referred to the appropriate committees. (The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)


The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

On May 13, 2008, I transmitted a message to the Congress transmitting the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation for Cooperation in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (the “proposed Agreement”), pursuant to sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2153 (b), (d)) (the “Act”).

In view of recent actions by the Government of the Russian Federation in incompatible with peaceful relations with its 21st-century, democratic and peaceful neighbor Georgia, I have determined that the determination regarding the proposed Agreement in Presidential Determination 2008-19 is no longer effective. Accordingly, a statutory prerequisite for the proposed Agreement to become effective, as required by section 123 b. of the Act, is no longer satisfied. If circumstances should permit future reconsideration of the proposed Agreement, a new determination will be made and the proposed Agreement will be submitted for congressional review pursuant to section 123 of the Act.

GEORGE W. BUSH

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 8, 2008.
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Briant, Jr., Federal Building and United States Courthouse":

H.R. 6432. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user fee program, to establish a program of fees relating to generic new animal drugs, to make certain technical corrections to the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6580. An act to ensure the fair treatment of a member of the Armed Forces who is discharged from the Armed Forces, at the request of the member, pursuant to the Department of Defense policy permitting the early discharge of a member who is the only surviving child in a family in which the father or mother, or one or more siblings, served in the Armed Forces and, because of hazards incident to such service, was killed, died as a result of wounds, accident, or disease, is in a captured or missing in action status, or is permanently disabled, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the dollar limitations on contributions to funeral trusts, and for other purposes.

S. 3294. An act to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission.

S. 3296. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide that the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, shall appoint administrative patent judges and administrative trademark judges, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bills were signed on August 4, 2008, during the recess of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. BTYRD).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:00 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. 6599. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

MEASURES DISCHARGED DURING RECESS

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2159, and placed on the Calendar:

S.J. Res. 42. Joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the Russian Federation.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

H.R. 5657. An act to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 3490. A bill to provide for the investigation of certain unsolved civil rights crimes, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 6599. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

On August 1, 2008:

S. 3370. An act to resolve pending claims against Libya by United States nationals, and for other purposes.

On August 5, 2008:

S. 3294. An act to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission.

S. 3295. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide that the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, shall appoint administrative patent judges and administrative trademark judges, and for other purposes.

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-7371. A communication from the Director, Policy Issuance Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Availability of Lists of Retail Consignees During Meat or Poultry Recall” (73 FR 42633) received on August 6, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7372. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling of Beef, Pork, Lamb, Chicken, Goat, Meat, Perishable Agricultural Commodities, Peanuts, Pecans, Ginseng, and Macadamia Nuts” (Doc. No. AMS–LS–07–0081) (RIN 0581–AC29) received on August 6, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7373. A communication from the Congressionally Mandated, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Citrus Canker, Movement of Fruit From a Quarantined Area: Bag Markings” (Docket No. APHIS–2008–0080) received on August 8, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7374. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regulation Z (Truth in Lending)” (Docket No. R–1320) received on August 8, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7375. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Department’s decision to convert to aircraft maintenance, administration, and corrosion control functions currently performed by 375 military personnel at various locations Nationwide; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7376. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (15) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 18, United States Code, section 777, to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7377. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Item Identification and Valuation Clause Update” (DFARS Case 2007–D007) received on August 8, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7378. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Ship Critical Safety System” (DFARS Case 2007–D016) received on August 8, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7379. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Competition Requirements for Purchases from Federal Prison Industries” (DFARS Case 2008–D015) received on August 8, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7380. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Trade Agreements—New Thresholds” (DFARS Case 2007–D022) received on August 8, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7381. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report entitled “Acceptance Criteria for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7382. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Flood Elevation Determinations” (73 FR 42256) received on August 5, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7383. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Flood Elevation Determinations” (73 FR 42256) received on August 5, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7384. A communication from the Acting Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Commission Guidance on the Use of Company Web Sites” (Release Nos. 34–58288, IC 28351) received on August 5, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7385. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regulation Z (Truth in Lending)” (Docket No. R–1320) received on August 8, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.