

TRIBUTE TO CAROL SCHEMAN

• Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I wish to recognize a great American who has honorably served our country through her role at Uniformed Services University, USU.

In January 2006, Ms. Scheman began her service at USU. Prior to assuming the vice presidency of External Affairs at USU, she was vice president for government, community and public affairs at the University of Pennsylvania for 11 years. Before serving at University of Pennsylvania, Ms. Scheman was the deputy commissioner of external affairs at the Food and Drug Administration. She also served as vice president and director of Federal relations for the Association of American Universities before working for the FDA.

During her time at USU, Ms. Scheman has helped create the university's first Office of External Affairs bringing together the university's various units that deal with its external communities including media outreach/public affairs, alumni affairs, board of regents support, publications, Web site oversight, and associated visual, photo/videographic, graphic services, protocol and events, including commencement, and government and community affairs. Her team developed the university's first unified branding initiative that created the content for a campaign to clearly describe the university to a wide variety of audiences. Under her skillful leadership, USU produced its first annual report, calendar, combined university catalog and internal newsletter; launched a new Web site, and created a large variety of multimedia products designed to increase the university's visibility. These various products are part of ongoing efforts to reflect coherent, accurate, and accessible information about the university to the general public, prospective students, faculty, local communities, Congress, and the media.

She also served as acting executive secretary to the university's board of regents and supported efforts to increase communication with the board and ensure a seamless transition for new board members. The Office of External Affairs has developed into an interdisciplinary team that continues to develop innovative and creative ways to portray this unique institution to a wide variety of constituencies.

Ms. Scheman worked closely with DOD's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs on public relations outreach, with the relevant congressional committees on issues vital to the university's continued growth, with academic and scientific societies and associations and local and state government officials on "town-grown" issues, especially as the relate to the base realignment and closure/integration process. She was instrumental in developing new relationships with local and national media and in developing new innovative opportunities for the university to reach a broader audience in order to increase the general knowl-

edge and understanding of this academic health center's unique role in health professions education.

We wish Ms. Scheman the best of luck on her new role as senior vice president for external affairs at Northeastern University in Boston, MA. •

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4131. An act to designate a portion of California State Route 91 located in Los Angeles County, California, as the "Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway".

H.R. 6600. An act to amend title II of the Social Security Act to prohibit the inclusion of Social Security account numbers on Medicare cards.

H.R. 6669. An act to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances.

H.R. 7017. An act to amend Public Law 100-573 to extend the authorization of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission.

H.R. 7175. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve the section 7(a) lending program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7198. An act to establish the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal for organ donors and the family of organ donors.

H.R. 7216. An act to amend section 3328 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Selective Service registration.

H.R. 7217. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to enhance authorities with regard to real property that has yet to be reported excess, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7222. An act to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1276. An act to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic log-book systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1582. An act to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2304. An act to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved men-

tal health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses, and for other purposes.

S. 3128. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan to the White Mountain Apache Tribe for use in planning, engineering, and designing a certain water system project.

S. 3296. An act to extend the authority of the United States Supreme Court Police to protect court officials off the Supreme Court Grounds and change the title of the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice.

S. 3536. An act to amend section 5402 of title 39, United States Code, to modify the authority relating to United States Postal Service air transportation contracts, and for other purposes.

S. 3550. An act to designate a portion of the Rappahannock River in the Commonwealth of Virginia as the "John W. Warner Rapids".

S. 3598. An act to amend titles 46 and 18, United States Code, with respect to the operation of submersible vessels and semi-submersible vessels without nationality.

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

S. 1193. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico.

S. 1492. An act to improve the quality of Federal and State data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2382. An act to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactured housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 333(a)(2) of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-229), the Minority Leader appoints the following member to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino: Dr. Aida Levitan, Ph.D., of Key Biscayne, Florida.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4(a) of the Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade Act (Public Law 110-183), the Minority Leader appoints the following member to the Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade: Mr. Eric Sheppard of Carrollton, Virginia.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2963) to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5350) to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell

or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5618) to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6098) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the financial assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments for information sharing activities, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6849) to amend the commodity provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to permit producers to aggregate base acres and reconstitute farms to avoid the prohibition on receiving direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments when the sum of the base acres of a farm is 10 acres, or less, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that on today, September 30, 2008, he had signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 3229. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center.

H.R. 5265. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Becker, congenital, distal, Duchenne, Emery-Dreifuss facioscapulohumeral, limb-girdle, myotonic, and oculopharyngeal, muscular dystrophies.

H. R. 5872. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Assistant Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 30, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 2162. An act to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 2840. An act to establish a liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to expedite naturalization applications filed by members of the Armed Forces and to establish a deadline for processing such applications.

S. 2982. An act to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 3597. An act to provide that funds allocated for community food projects for fiscal

year 2008 shall remain available until September 30, 2009.

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-8127. A communication from the Division Director of the Policy Issuances Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determining Net Weight Compliance for Meat and Poultry Products" ((RIN0583-AD17)(73 FR 52189)) received on September 18, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8128. A communication from the Division Director of the Policy Issuances Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allowing Bar-Type Cut Turkey Operations To Use J-Type Cut Maximum Line Speeds" ((RIN0583-AD18)(73 FR 51899)) received on September 18, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8129. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fifth Report to Congress on Actions Taken by the Department of Energy in Response to the Proposals in the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's December 2003 Report to Congress on Plutonium Storage at the Savannah River Site"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8130. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tax-Exempt Bond Partnerships: Eligibility for Monthly Closing Elections" (Notice 2008-80) received on September 25, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8131. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—October 2008" (Rev. Rul. 2008-49) received on September 25, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8132. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tax-Exempt Housing Bonds and 2008 Housing Legislation" (Notice 2008-79) received on September 25, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8133. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Relaxing Restrictions on Issuing Letters to New Pre-approved Plans" (Rev. Proc. 2008-56) received on September 25, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8134. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles in the amount of \$1,000,000 to Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8135. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Viking

Air Limited Models DHC-6-1, DHC-6-100, DHC-6-200, and DHC-6-300 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0367)) received on August 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8136. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E5 Airspace; Long Prairie, MN" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-023)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AGL-1)) received on August 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8137. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Long Prairie, MN; Confirmation of Effective Date; Correction" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0023)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AGL-1)) received on August 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8138. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Philippi, WV" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0131)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AEA-12)) received on August 20, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8139. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Plaquemine Brule Bayou, Midland, LA" (RIN1625-AA09) received on September 25, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8140. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Training and Service Requirements for Merchant Marine Officers" ((RIN1625-AB10)(USCG-2006-26202)) received on September 25, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8141. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone Regulations (including 2 regulations beginning with USCG-2008-0823)" (RIN1625-AA87) received on September 25, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8142. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone Regulations (including 2 beginning with USCG-2008-0835)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on September 25, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8143. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Choptank River, Cambridge, MD" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2008-0832)) received on September 25, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8144. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Responsibility for Water Pollution (Vessels) and OPA