

Mrs. Cole, 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. 5160. An act to extend the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, to provide customs support services to Haiti, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 3714. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to include the Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices information about freedom of the press in foreign countries, 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. 24. An act to redesignate the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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-5733. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the Department of the Army and was assigned case number 06-04; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5734. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Noxious Weeds; Old World Climbing Fern and Maiden-hair Creeper" (Docket No. APHS-2008-0097) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 4, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5735. A joint communication from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Study of Rural Transportation Issues"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5736. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Program Acquisition Unit Cost and the Average Procurement Unit Cost for the C-130 AMP program exceeding the Acquisition Program Baseline values by more than 15 percent; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5737. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Department's intent to close the Defense commissary store at Camp Eagle, Korea; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5738. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting a legislative proposal relative to expansion of eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retirement pay and veterans' disability compensation to medically retired service members, received in the Of-

fice of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5739. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, transmitting proposed legislation relative to Public Works and Economic Development improvement; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5740. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System Payment—Update for Rate Year Beginning July 1, 2010 (RY2011)" (RIN0938-AP83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 3, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5741. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Changes in Provider and Supplier Enrollment, Ordering and Referring, and Documentation Requirements; and Changes in Provider Agreements" (RIN0938-AQ01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 3, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5742. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Programs; State Flexibility for Medicaid Benefit Packages" (RIN0938-AP72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 3, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5743. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the September 2009 session and the June 2009 special session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-99. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana memorializing Congress to utilize the power of technology to boost American productivity and performance by consulting with state legislatures, education, and computer organizations to ensure that every student has access to a low-cost laptop; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

Whereas, the personal computer is an indispensable twenty-first century learning tool; and

Whereas, the decreasing cost of technology makes it possible to equip every student with a portable, personal computer; and

Whereas, low-cost laptops are "twenty-first century textbooks" due to their capacity to store thousands of books and research materials; and

Whereas, computer technology has been shown to improve academic performance, attendance, and enthusiasm in classrooms; and

Whereas, according to a survey by the November 2007 Pew Internet & American Life Project, one-fourth of Americans do not have computers at home; and

Whereas, the "digital divide" most sharply impacts the poor, racial and ethnic minori-

ties, people with disabilities, and residents of rural areas; and

Whereas, attaining universal access to communication technology is a goal spelled out in the 1996 Telecommunications Act; and

Whereas, a nationwide push among state leaders to equip students with laptops promises to fuel a new generation of math, science, and technology innovators; and

Whereas, computer proficiency is increasingly required by employers and institutions of higher learning; and

Whereas, previous technology-focused efforts, such as the Technology Opportunities Program and E-Rate, resulted in newfound information and communication access for millions of students and thousands of schools; and

Whereas, the provision of low-cost laptops for all students would increase learning in core subjects, improve literacy in technology essential for twenty-first century skills, and stimulate creativity, all necessary in reaching the goal of academic excellence in schools as well as developing a technical proficiency at an early age. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to utilize the power of technology to boost American productivity and performance by consulting with state legislatures, education, and computer organizations to ensure that every student has access to a low-cost laptop. Be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. LINCOLN, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. 3307. An original bill to reauthorize child nutrition programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-178).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 920. A bill to amend section 11317 of title 40, United States Code, to improve the transparency of the status of information technology investments, to require greater accountability for cost overruns on Federal information technology investment projects, to improve the processes agencies implement to manage information technology investments, to reward excellence in information technology acquisition, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-179).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 373. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species Python genera as an injurious animal (Rept. No. 111-180).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1421. A bill to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp (Rept. No. 111-181).

S. 1519. A bill to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland, Louisiana, and other coastal States (Rept. No. 111-182).

S. 1965. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program