

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO PETER P. HENRY

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Peter P. Henry for his many years of service to the veterans of our country, including a very long and successful career spent serving as the senior executive director of the Department of Veterans Affairs Black Hills Health Care System. He will be retiring in July after 41 years of Federal service which includes a 16-year period with the Black Hills Veterans Affairs, VA.

A strong advocate of personal and professional development, Peter enhanced his skills and experience through completion of a graduate degree in health care administration before going on to become executive director of the Black Hills VA. Throughout his tenure with the VA, he has worked tirelessly to provide services to all South Dakota veterans, even those from rural and reservation areas, making sure that every veteran has access to quality care. During his years of public service, he has provided care to over 400,000 veterans and touched the lives of over 20,000 VA health administration staff members.

In his time with the VA, Peter has received many notable awards, including the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award. He was awarded this prestigious honor in 1998 and 2010. It is awarded to only 1 percent of career civil service executives who consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, and a persistent commitment to excellence in civic service.

I would like to express my personal and sincere appreciation to Peter for his outstanding service to the veterans of our great country. I wish him and his family happiness in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE
DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 26, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the

Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 990. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of May 26, 2011, the enrolled bill was subsequently signed on May 26, 2011 by the Acting President pro tempore (Ms. KLOBUCHAR).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 31, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 278. Resolution that Father Patrick J. Conroy of the State of Oregon, be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, clause 10 of rule 1, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appointed the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 1, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1082. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 16. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 1, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 754. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

S. 1082. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of May 26, 2011, the enrolled bills were subsequently signed on June 1, 2011 by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. WEBB).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 802. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program.

H.R. 1194. An act to renew the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve demonstration projects designed to test innovative strategies in State child welfare programs.

H.R. 1484. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the appeals process of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 1540. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal years, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2017. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, 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. 802. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H. R. 1194. An act to renew the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve demonstration projects designed to test innovative strategies in State child welfare programs; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 1484. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the appeals process of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1540. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 2017. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on May 26, 2011 she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

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