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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 and 21 seconds a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable MARK WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

RECOGNITION OF MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 3765

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that if the House passes and sends to the Senate a bill which is identical to the text which is at the desk, a 2-month extension of the reduced payroll tax, unemployment insurance, TANF, and the Medicare payment fix, the bill be considered read three times and passed; the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; and any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD as if read; further, that when the Senate receives a message from the House requesting a conference with respect to H.R. 3630, the Senate agree to the request for a conference and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate with a ratio of 4 to 3; that if the House does not act by January 1, 2012, with respect to passage of a bill providing the 2-month extension, the Senate action with respect to a conference on H.R. 3630 be vitiated.

THe ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 19, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 789. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Main Street in Little Ferry, New Jersey, as the ''Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton Post Office''.

H.R. 1264. An act to designate the property between the United States Federal Courthouse and the Ed Jones Building located at 109 South Highland Avenue in Jackson, Tennessee, as the ''M.D. Anderson Plaza'' and to authorize the placement of a historical/identification marker on the grounds recognizing the achievements and philanthropy of M.D. Anderson.

H.R. 1892. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 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.

H.R. 2422. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Bay Street, Suite 2, in Staten Island, New York, as the ''Sergeant Angel Mendez Post Office''.

H.R. 2845. An act to amend title 49, United States code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2867. An act to reauthorize the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3421. An act to award Congressional Gold Medals in honor of the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001.

H.R. 3672. An act making appropriations for disaster relief requirements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 278. An act to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the enrolled bills were signed on December 19, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUYE).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 20, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3630) to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following as managers on the part of the House:

For consideration of the aforementioned bill and the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. CAMP, Mr. UPTON, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. REED of New York, Mrs. ELLMERS, and Ms. HAYWORTH.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 21, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 515) to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1059) to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1801) to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for expedited security screenings for members of the Armed Forces.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2056) to instruct the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

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to study the impact of insured depository institution failures, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 515. An act to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004.

H.R. 1059. An act to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes.

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.

H.R. 1801. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for expedited security screenings for members of the Armed Forces.

H.R. 2055. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2056. An act to instruct the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the enrolled bills were signed on December 21, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting president pro tempore (Mr. REID).

Under the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on today, December 23, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House announcing that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3765. An act to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3765. An act to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the enrolled bills were signed on today, December 23, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting president pro tempore (Mr. REID).

The message further announced that the Speaker appoints the following Members as additional conferees in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3630) to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes:

For the consideration of the aforementioned bill and the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. BECERRA of California, Mr. VAN HOLLEN of Maryland, Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania, and Mr. WAXMAN of California.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), amended by division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (22 U.S.C. 6901), the Minority Leader re-appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of Washington, DC and Jeffrey L. Fiedler of Great Falls, Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2011

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 12 p.m. on Tuesday, December 27, 2011.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 9:31 and 46 seconds a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, December 27, 2011.