

amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3221) moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4049. An act to amend section 5318 of title 31, United States Code, to eliminate regulatory burdens imposed on insured depository institutions and money services businesses and enhance the availability of transaction accounts at depository institutions for such business, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 6226. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6493. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance aviation safety; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 3297. A bill to advance America's priorities.

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

H.J. Res. 93. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

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-7232. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting draft legislation to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to recover through user fees the cost of standardization activities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7233. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting draft legislation to remove the prohibition against the rescission of certain

unadvanced telecommunications loan balances; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7234. A communication from the Acting Director of Grants Management Division, Office of Acquisition Management, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Non-Procurement Debarment and Suspension (title 2 CFR)" (RIN0605-AA23) received on July 18, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7235. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Stratospheric Ozone Protection of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7236. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Reasonably Available Control Technology Under the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 8696-6) received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7237. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Idaho" (FRL No. 8697-1) received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7238. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fludioxonil; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption" (FRL No. 8369-5) received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7239. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Semiconductor Manufacturing" (FRL No. 8695-9) received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7240. A communication from the Chief of Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB81) received on July 18, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7241. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imports of Certain Cotton Shirting Fabric: Implementation of Tariff Rate Quota Established Under the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006" received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7242. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to the Government of Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7243. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Af-

fairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Governments of Australia, Bermuda, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Singapore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7244. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to support the development of the AN/APX-68 Transponder Set and Control Box to the Government of Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7245. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Inspector General received on July 22, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7246. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security received on July 23, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7247. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs received on July 23, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7248. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer in the position of Inspector General received on July 23, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7249. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Taiwan Relations Act, 22 U.S.C. 3311, as amended, the text of an agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7250. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report for the year of 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7251. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Inspector General's Semi-annual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7252. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and nomination in the position of Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-420. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to extend the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005 bonus depreciation benefit to all parishes in the Gulf Opportunity Zone; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 177

Whereas, on December 16, 2005, the United States Congress passed the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005, commonly referred to as the "GO Zone Act", which was signed by the president of the United States on December 21, 2005, and which establishes tax incentives and bond provisions to rebuild the local and regional economies devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

Whereas, the GO Zone Act permits businesses to claim an additional first-year depreciation deduction equal to fifty percent of the cost of qualified new property investments made in the GO Zone; this depreciation allowance applies to software, leasehold improvements, and certain equipment and real estate expenditures; all depreciation deductions are exempt from alternative minimum taxes, and this tax incentive applies to property placed in service through December 31, 2007, or December 31, 2008, in the case of real property; and

Whereas, in Louisiana, the Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita GO Zones are made up of thirty-seven parishes, namely: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana; and

Whereas, on December 9, 2006, the United States Congress passed the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, which was signed by the president of the United States on December 20, 2006, which extends for two years the deadlines for benefitting from the bonus depreciation under the GO Zone Act in order to give additional time for reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts; and

Whereas, the extension of the GO Zone bonus depreciation benefit only applies in certain highly damaged areas in Louisiana, namely the parishes of Calcasieu, Cameron, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, and Washington; and

Whereas, the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita is not limited to the "highly damaged areas" in Louisiana but is prevalent in all of the parishes in the Hurricanes Katrina and Rita GO Zones; and

Whereas, there is a critical need for more time to rebuild in all of the GO Zone areas, not just in the seven parishes deemed to be the "highly damaged areas". Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to extend the deadline for benefitting from the bonus depreciation until December 31, 2010, for all parishes in Louisiana which are included in the Katrina and Rita GO Zones. Be it further

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

POM-421. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of

Michigan urging Congress to reauthorize the DNA backlog program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 281

Whereas, the Debbie Smith DNA backlog grant program was part of the Justice for All Act of 2004, Public Law No. 108-405. This legislation assists in the reduction of DNA backlogs and improvement of the utilization of DNA in the criminal justice system in the state of Michigan and every state throughout the nation; and

Whereas, DNA technology is increasingly vital to ensuring accuracy and fairness in the criminal justice system. Thousands of law enforcement investigations have been aided nationwide because of DNA matches made through the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), bringing justice to victims and removing criminals from the streets. Also, the Innocence Project has used DNA in over 200 cases to exonerate persons who were wrongfully convicted of crimes; and

Whereas, the state of Michigan and other states throughout the nation have significantly expanded their DNA programs to include a growing number of convicted or arrested felons to match against unsolved crimes; and

Whereas, the demand for DNA testing in both violent and nonviolent crimes has continued to increase as the reliability of this evidence is proven. Many laboratories still maintain DNA backlogs of six months or longer and are unable to meet the growing demand for DNA testing despite funding commitments from state and local governments; and

Whereas, the Debbie Smith DNA backlog grant program has permitted state and local governments an opportunity to begin to maximize the full potential of forensic DNA through backlog reduction, but much work remains to be done: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to reauthorize the DNA backlog program; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 41. A joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 3309. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the Mayor William "Bill" Sandberg Post Office Building; to the Com-

mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3310. A bill to provide benefits under the Post-Development/Mobilization Respite Absence program for certain periods before the implementation of the program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3311. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve mental and behavioral health services on college campuses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 3312. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure that victims of public health emergencies have meaningful and immediate access to medically necessary health care services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID:

S. 3313. A bill to establish a Federal Polygamy Task Force, to authorize assistance for victims of polygamy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3314. A bill to protect the oceans and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 3315. A bill to prohibit the distribution or sale of video games that do not have age-based content rating labels, to prohibit the sale or rental of video games with adult content ratings to minors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 3316. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the use of corrosion prevention and mitigation measures in the construction and maintenance of business property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 3317. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the "Corporal John P. Sigsbee Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 3318. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for recognition of equality of physician work in all geographic areas and revisions to the practice expense geographic adjustment under the Medicare physician fee schedule; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 3319. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to require corrosion mitigation and prevention plans for bridges receiving Federal funding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KYL, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 3320. A bill to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Technical and Legal Assistance Act of 2000, and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve the prosecution of, and response to, crimes in Indian country, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.